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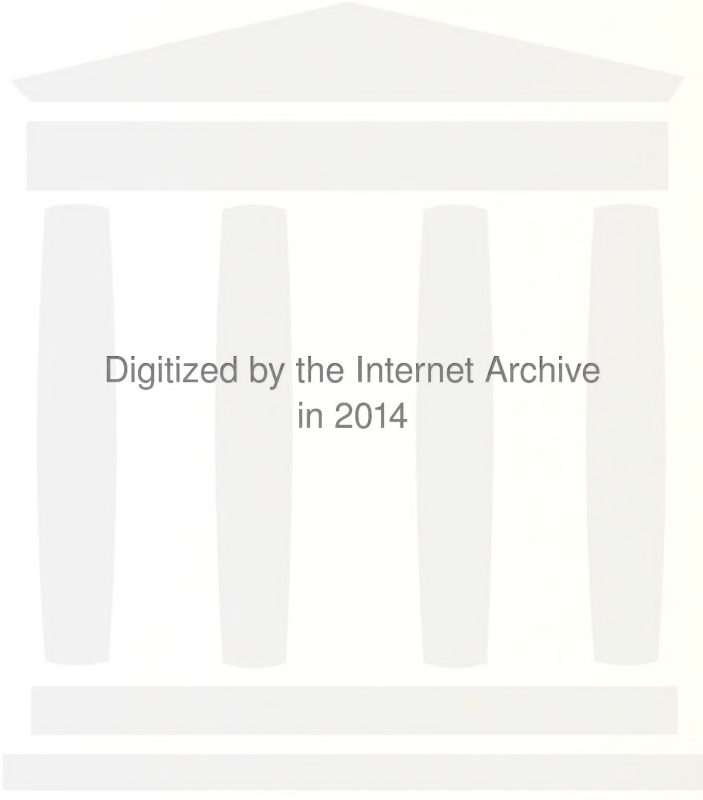
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

AVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH:

AARON BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 4, 1996

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH
BEECH MT. BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 3, 1997

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We the affiliated Southern Baptist Churches of Avery County and one of Burke County, to facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel, to provide a medium of cooperation and recognize our interdependence and our dependence upon our Lord Jesus Christ; but in no case presume to direct or control the cooperative churches in reference to their government of internal policy; do hereby purpose to establish and maintain an Avery Southern Baptist Association in accordance with the following plan.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. It is the purpose of the association to provide an organization for the Southern Baptist Churches affiliated with it.
Section 2. To encourage them to faithfulness in every endeaver which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Section 3. To encourage them in the support of the association, Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptist Convention.
Section 4. To cultivate a friendly and helpful union among the affiliated churches for their mutual benefit; and to engage in cooperative endeavers which the individual churches might be unable to accomplish alone.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of those churches represented by duly elected messengers for the annual meeting and representation elected by the local church to represent in other endeavers, from their membership, affiliated through prayerful and financial support of the body, known as the

Avery Baptist Association - and:
a. Faith and practice of member churches shall harmonize with generally accepted articles of faith of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.
b. Maintain affiliation by a letter of report to the annual associational meeting.
c. Financial support is vital to carry on work through the associational body and the ongoing ministries of the churches working together. A suggested goal of three (3) percent of the financial receipts of the cooperating churches is suggested as a minimum contribution.
Section 2. Each church having resident membership of one hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, and additional messenger.
Section 3. The pastors who are members or who are laboring in connection with said church.
Section 4. The duly elected officers of the association.
Section 5. The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

Section 1. The baptist churches, which have petitioned for membership, been examined by the duly designated committee of this body, presented before the association, and by a vote of the association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose of the undertaking of the body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches.
Section 2. The vote of the association to extend fellowship of to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but not bind them in any way; yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety, and intelligence of the body, it may justly acclaim for itself, for objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.
Section 2. There shall be a membership, Constitution, By-laws and study

committee consisting of the Director of Missions, Moderator and three (3) others elected annually.
Section 3. This committee shall examine withdrawals of affiliation of any churches to the Avery Southern Baptist Association.
Section 4. Any church desiring membership with the association shall place their request with the above stated committee. The committee will in turn inform the executive committee at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting about the request. The committee shall furnish all information in accordance with Article III on membership requested from the church to the Executive Committee upon their request. When the Executive Committee has taken action on the request of the church, it shall be presented to the association in the annual meeting.
Section 5. Should any church disqualify itself by practice or doctrines contrary to those of the association, as stated in Article III on membership, or fail to represent itself by messenger or letter more than two (2) consecutive sessions without reason, or threats with contempt the objectives and requirements of the association, the association may dissolve connection with such church. This may be done by action taken in the annual meeting, after coming through the above stated committee and Executive Committee.
Section 6. Any issue once presented to the association in regular session, after coming through the related committee and Executive Committee, being voted upon, must have a period of two (2) years of waiting before being presented again.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist their attendance at all sessions of the given associational meeting.
Section 2. It shall be the duty of the church to have their associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing. The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the association fourteen (14) days prior to the time for the annual meeting.
Section 3. It shall be the duty of each church to prayerfully uphold and financially support the association work.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association will be held annually on the first Friday of the month of October unless otherwise

ordered by the Executive Committee of the association.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, Music Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed. These officers shall be members of the affiliated Baptist churches and the duly elected various organizations, subject to the approval of the association.

Section 2. Their active term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body, unless herein after or before stated.

Section 3. It is suggested two (2) years of service be encouraged, and even longer would be advantageous to the association work, unless contrary to specifications otherwise stated in this document.

(A) MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to act;

1. In an executive capacity of all meetings according to the principles of a presiding officer.
2. As ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise specified.
3. The term of the moderator shall not exceed two (2) years in succession, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one (1) year.

(B) VICE-MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the moderator to serve as presiding officer. The Vice-Moderator will function in other capacities necessary to association work, if the moderator is unable to perform, or as requested. This includes completion of term, due to resignation.

1. Will serve as chairman of the program committee.

(C) CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and, together with a publishing committee shich shall consist of a moderator and two other appointed members of the association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body.

1. Attendance of the Executive Committee meeting is encouraged at all times, or arrangements for coverage.

(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: Assist the clerk in all tasks; and will function in the absence of the clerk, or at any time the clerk is unable to perform.

(E) TREASURER: As Treasurer, he or she shall keep records of all funds coming into his or her possession, and an account of all disbursements.
1. Give a printed monthly and annual financial report.
2. Provide records for a yearly audit.
3. Serve with the finance committee.

(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall be prepared for and function in the absence of the Treasurer, or any time the latter is unable to perform.

(G) HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the association.

(H) PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall guide the business of the Association, as called upon, through interpretation of the guide-lines set forth and specified in the constitution and/or By-laws. If not specified therein, then in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4. The various heads of organizations, namely Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Chairman of Evangelism and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed shall preside over the activites of these ministries and promote the working of the same.

Section 5. The Director of Missions shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The executive Committee shall consist of:

(A). The officers of the association.

(B). The pastor of each church, who is a member of, or laboring in connection with, said church and one lay member of the church.

(C) . Two lay members, nominated and elected by the church who does not have a pastor or member to represent them.

(D). The name of the lay members of the Executive Committee, elected by their respective churches, shall be reported to the association in the church letter of report, for the annual meeting. They shall take office in like manner, as other members.

(E). This committee shall meet quarterly as prescribed by the associational calendar activities.

(F). The Executive Committee shall be authorized to hold special meetings if needed, upon call of the Moderator, or in the Moderator's absence the Vice-Moderator, or the Director of Missions. Notice must be given to each member church and associational executive officers one week in advance for any

special meeting.
This committee shall submit full report of its work to the association at each
Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding on the association (subject to their approval at the annual session). annual session, together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual association budget.
Section 3. The Associational Council shall be composed of the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Missions Committee, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, Stewardship Director, and the Director of Missions, who will serve as chairman of the Associational Council. The duties of the Associational Council are:
1. To promote all work of the association.
2. To prepare a calendar of activities. If any cancellations take place after dates have been approved and placed in the printed calendar, it will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the Program Committee (Vice-Moderator) to see that proper notice has been mailed to the churches.
Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members, including the Treasurer. The five (5) others will be recommended by the nominating committee. No church shall have more than one (1) representative. Two (2) of the five (5) nominated will rotate off at one time and three (3) the next rotation time.
A. It is recommended the members of the Finance Committee serve at least two (2) years and longer, if approved, not to exceed five (5) years without a lapse of at least on (1) year of service.
B. This committee will be responsible for preparation and recommendation of an early Associational Budget after contact with chairmen of committees, directors, the Director of Missions and awareness of office needs to perpetuate the Avery Southern Baptist Association work, then presented through associational procedure.
C. This committee shall assist in other financial needs and, when called upon, function in such matters.
Section 5.
(A) The Nominating Committee will consist of Avery Baptist Associational key leaders, which include the following: Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Mission Committee Chairman, plus three members to be elected at the annual meeting. The Moderator and Director of Missions shall be ex-officio members.

(B) The duties of the committee shall be to elect a chairman and to bring nominations for all the general officers of the Avery Baptist Association; all department heads, standing and rotating committees, representatives of the denominational agencies and institutions, and General Board representative (who serves a four (4) year term unless completing a term due to resignation).
(C) They shall contact all those to be recommended to fill offices before their names are to be presented..
(D) In event that any office becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Executive Committee.
(E) This committee shall have additional members as the need arises.
Section 6. Program Committee shall consist of three (3) members including the Vice-Moderator who shall be chairman. They shall contact all those to be on the program and inform those to give reports. This committee shall be recommended to the Nominating Committee.
Section 7. Trustee Committees shall be composed of three (3) persons. They shall have the responsibility of holding the deeds for associational property, signing any notes, mortgages, or other legal documents pertaining to the property of the association. They shall meet at the call of any need in reference to their job.
Section 8. The Ordination Advisory Committee shall be composed of six (6) members who shall act in an advisory capacity foor churches or for ministerial students seeking ordination counseling. The committee shall assist in the ordination of candidates for the ministry only after their call to come specific position in Christian service, and shall refrain from announcing the date for ordination until after the Advisory Committee approval of the candidate.
Section 9. The Properties Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to care for all physical properties of the association. This includes such items as repair and maintenance, insurance, property improvement, office and other equipment and long range planning for development and the like.
Section 10. The Membership, Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee shall be composed of three (3) Members who are responsible for the examination of the affiliation and/or withdrawal of any church in the Avery Baptist Association. The committee will bring to the association body, through required channels, the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as needs arise.
Section 11. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to examine all financial records and then bring its report to the association.

Section 12. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of two (2) members whose duty it shall be to present to the association such resolutions as they deem in order, or which may be referred to them.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting provided such an alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the morning session and acted upon at the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed, in as far as applicable, in the governing of the Avery Southern Baptist Association, where not otherwise specified by the Constitution or By-Laws.

AMENDMENT I

The Executive Committee shall meet three times yearly instead of Quarterly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 15, 1996

The meeting was called to order by Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions.

There were 19 Executive Committee Members present representing 7 churches.

Rev. Joe Miller led in the devotion with Psalms 100. The moderator, Dr. Bill Jones, led in prayer.

The following reports were given:

Treasurers Report.....Rev. Max Smith
Prison Ministry.....Rev. Russell Hoilman
Building Fund Report.....Rev. Lander Heafner
West Virginia Report.....Rev. Max Smith

The following items were voted on and approved:
To participate in the South Africa Partnership sponsored by the Baptist State Convention.
To host the Medical-Dental van in our association and to re-supply the van for products used.
A committee was appointed to purchase a sign for the associational office building. This committee was to spend no more than $600.00 for the sign.
Authority was given to the Director of Missions to purchase a computer for the associational office.

APRIL 22, 1996

The meeting was called to order by D. Bill Jones who also led in devotion and prayer.

There were 15 Executive Committee members present representing 8 churches.

The following reports were given:
Treasurers Report.....Rev. Max Smith
General Board Report.....Rev. Max Smith

The Director of Missions reported that the Baptist State Convention had asked to be released from their agreemment to send the Medical-Dental Van to our association. The Executive Committee voted to release them from this agreement.

A motion was made and approved to put a new roof on the associational building.

A motion was made and approved to get new carpet for the associational building.

The moderator called for prayer for the associational youth meeting.

JULY 16, 1996

The meeting was called to order by David Banner, the Vice-Moderator.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There were 10 Executive Committee members present representing 6 churches.

The following reports were given:

Treasurers Report.....Rev. Max Smith
Building Fund Report.....Rev. Lander Heafner
General Board Report.....Rev. Max Smith

The Executive Committee voted to accept Long Ridge Baptist Church under the watchcare of the association until the annual meeting at which time it will be voted on to accept them as full members.

A motion was made and approved to close the Building Fund Account and to combine it with the General Fund, so the bookkeeping would be easier. This is to be accounted for in the Proposed Budget for 1996-1997.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Rev. Lander Heafner.

85TH ANNUAL SESSION
AARON BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM, by Dr. Bill Jones, Moderator, after which he led in prayer. Rev. Phil Murdock led the congregation in a hymn, accompanied by Beatrice Banner, pianist. Rev. Rick Bell gave the welcome and announcements, and led in a devotion. He selected Psalms 33:1-5 for his scripture.

A motion to adopt the program as presented, was made by Rev. Joe Miller, with a second given by Dr. Bill Jones. The motion was approved.

The Roll Call of Churches was conducted by Mrs. Hazel Franklin. Churches represented by messengers are as follows: Aaron, Beech Mountain, Big Meadows, Chestnut Dale, Crossnore, Elk Park, Fall Creek, Jonas Ridge, Newland, Oak Grove, Pineola, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley, Stameytown, Sugar Mountain, Valley Haven, and Whites Memorial, comprising a total present of 82 people.

Under miscellaneous business, Rev. Daniel Whetstine presented two new churches having applied for membership to the Association. For Long Ridge Baptist Church, Rev. Joe Miller made the motion to accept, and seconded by Rev. Russell Hoilman; and, for Minneapolis Baptist Church, motion to accept was made by Rev. Phil Murdock, and seconded by Conley Huffman. Both motions were carried unanimously,

Two new pastors were introduced by the Moderator, as follows:

Rev. Jude Hughes, at Jonas Ridge Baptist Church
Rev. Andy Stephens, at Whites Memorial Baptist Church

Rev. Phil Murdock led the congregation in singing the hymn "Love Lifted Me".

Mrs. Louise Adamson, for the homeless shelter in Atlanta, GA, delivered an inspiting and vivid missions message, touching on her experiences with the homeless people. This was followed by an altar prayer.

The history of Aaron Baptist Church was delivered by Mr. John Hayes. In a note of interest, Mr. Hayes stated that the Avery Baptist Association was originally formed in the old Aaron Baptist Church building.

The Treasurers Report was given by Rev. Max Smith, with a motion, and seconded by Rev. Lander Heafner, and carried.

Rev. Rick Bell gave the Budget and Finance Report, with a motion, seconded by Rev. Max Smith, and carried.

The Building Committee Financial Report was given by Rev. Lander Heafner, in the form of a motion, seconded by Rev. Phil Murdock, and carried. A

question was posed by Rev. Phil Murdock as to the current balance owed on the Association building. Rev. Whetstine stated he would look into the matter and give a report as soon as possible.

The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Ms. Susie Smith, and seconded by Rev. Chuck Moorefield.

Mrs. Polly Heafner gave the Youth Committee Report, in a motion, seconded by Susie Smith, and carried.

Mrs. Hazel Franklin, Associational Clerk, gave the Memorials Report.

The congregation was led in singing "The Solid Rock" by Rev. Phil Murdock, accompanied by Beatrice Banner.

The Blue Ridge Prison Ministry Report was delivered by Rev. Russell Hollman, including an interesting slide program, and stating that 61 young people have been saved since July.

The Director of Missions Report was given by Rev. Daniel Whetstine, in the form of a motion, and was carried. Using Neh. 4:6, "The people had a mind to work", he stated that 95% of the churches are currently giving to the Association, where only 51% were previously giving.

Special music was brought by Mrs. Marilynne Phillips, singing "People Need the Lord".

The guest speaker for the morning, was Dr. Haven Lowe, who delivered the Challenge Message, entitled "The Unchanging World in a Changing Time". He selected Heb. 15:5-9 for his text.

The morning session closed with prayer by Dr. Bill Jones, and adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by Moderator, David Banner. Rev. Phil Murdock led all the pastors in singing "Blessed Assurance", accompanied on the piano by Beatrice Banner. A devotion was given by Rev. Andy Stevens, reading 1 Cor. 9:18-23, and then reading verse 16 for the

pastors. A Roll Call of Churches, by Hazel Franklin, revealed 15 churches present, and 52 people. Churches were Aaron, Beech Mountain, Big Meadows, Crossnore, Elk Park, Fall Creek, Jonas Ridge, Newland, Oak Grove, Pineola, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Valley Stameytown, Sugar Mountain and Valley Haven.

Susie Smith gave a Sunday School Report, refering to Deut. 31:12, as scripture to encourage building up Sunday Schools. She presented her Vacation Bible School Report at the same time.

The W.M.U. Report was given by Mrs. Patsy Carpenter.

A report on Hispanic Ministries was presented by Dr. Kenneth Gaskins.

Mr. Luther Osmont graciously gave the Baptist Children's Homes Report, in the absence of Mr. Reggie Gilmore. He then presented his Baptist Homes Report.

Rev. Phil Murdock led the congregation in another hymn, accompanied by Mrs. Banner at the piano.

The Baptist Colleges Report was brought by Ms. Paula Dempsey, Campus Minister at Mars Hill. Rev. Max Smith added a word about Campbell University, since he in on the Board of Regency there.

In introducing the speaker for Baptist Hospitals, Mr. Joe Perry gave his testimony and family experience with Baptist Hospital. Mr. Jim Murphy then gave his report, and encouraged churches to promote and give their Mother's Day Offerings for this cause.

The South Africa Partnership Report was given by Dr. Kenneth Gaskins. He used the 16th chapter of the book of Acts, for his text.

The miscellaneous business and elections was led by the Moderator. A sincere "Thank You" went to Aaron Baptist Church for their hospitality, and to the ladies who worked so hard preparing a delicious meal for all of us. The floor was then opened for electing three members to the Nominating Committee. Those named were Charles Buchanan, Harry Platt, and Ross Church. Rev. Max Smith called for nominations to cease, seconded by Rev. Rick Bell, and so moved to accept those nominated.

The Aaron Baptist Church Choir presented special music, entitled "Come Now Lord"

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Chuck Moorefield, encouraging the pastors that we have "A Greater Responsibility", and using 1 Cor 15:58, for his scripture.

A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting closed in prayer.

BAPTIST HOMES REPORT

The continuing goal of Baptist Retirement Homes is to provide more and better services for Older Adults. During 1996 several developments have moved us toward this goal.

Some new staff members have been added to help provide the kind of total care which residents need and deserve. Tania Kay has been employed as Vice President of the Health Services Division. Paulette Richmond came as the new manager of the Hamilto7n Baptist Home. Carla Hyde was named director of the small group program for residents with dementia, a program designed to enhance their quality of life. Patricia Fling is the director of the In Home Care program which began a few months ago. Dr. Earl Watts, an Associate Professor at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, is serving as the medical director for In Home Care.

Early in the year, renovation of the Hamilton Baptist Home was completed providing a more attractive and comfortable place for residents in that facility. The new Cecil and Gertrue Young Solarium at the Rickman Nursing Center in Asheville will provide space for the small group program for residents with dementia. At Brook Ridge, renovated space in the Assisted Living section, and named "Stokes Court", will house the new Assisted Independent Living Unit. A new passenger van will facilitate transportation for residents at the Taylor House in Albemarle as they attend church, keep appointments, go shopping, or participate in social recreational events.

During the year, Baptist Retirement Homes has provided assistance in the planning for Cliffwood, a new continuing care retirement community being built in Fayetteville. Two Fayetteville churches, First Baptist and Snyder Memorial Baptist, have formed a non-profit corporation to lead this project.

A 27 acre site have been selected. Plans call for 105 Independent Living units, 20 beds in Assisted Living, and 20 beds in a nursing care unit. All units will be available on a rental basis with no entrance fees.
The James M. Hayes Society has been formed to recognize and thank those persons who remember the Baptist Retirement Homes in their estate planning. Thirty-three charter members constitute this group named in honor of the "Homes" founding superintendent.
Finally, we recognize with deep gratitude those North Carolina Baptists who gave through their churches to support the ministry during the past year. Through the cooperative program, the special February Offering, and other church gifts, the "Homes" received a total of $1,030,052 during the 12 month period ending September 30, 1995.
The trustees and staff are grateful to North Carolina Baptists for helping us to make life for Older Adults...**The Best of Time**

William B. Stillerman, President
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

BAPTIST COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Since 1834 North Carolina Baptist Colleges and Universities have been privileged to have many splendid presidents. The current presidents are listed on this page. They were elected to take the lead in dreaming, shaping and managing Baptist higher education in North Carolina.
Two colleges, Mars Hill and Chowan, have new presidents. Let us introduce them to you:

Dr. A. Max Lennon was named president of Mars Hill College, effective March 1. Both he and Mrs. Lennon (Ruth Ann) are graduates of Mars Hill. Dr. Lennon Brings a rich background in business and higher education to his new task. After earning the B.S. and Ph.D. degrees at North Carolina State University, he served in the administration of Texas Tech University, the University of Missouri, Ohio State University and Clemson University, where he was the president. He comes to Mars Hill from the presidency of Eastern Foods, Inc., in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Lennon, an active Baptist churchman, has been a member of the National Fellowship of Baptist Men. In Atlanta they were members of the First Baptist Church in Peachtree City, where he taught Sunday School and was a member of the strategic planning committee. He is on the board of directors of numerous corporations and foundations,

among them First Union Corporation and Duke Power. In accepting the presidency of Mars Hill he said, "This is a wonderful opportunity to provide leadership for this college and boldly proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ."

Dr. Stanley G. Lott moved to North Carolina in July to become president of Chowan College. He comes from Louisiana College, a Baptist school, where he was vice president for academic affairs for 15 years. Earlier he has been a faculty member at Tift College in Georgia. Dr. Lott earned two doctorates, one in systematic theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and the other in higher education administration from the University of Georgia. An ordained Baptist minister, he has held two pastorates in Louisiana. Mercer University president Carbo Gads said, "Stanley Lot is one of the finest educators and leaders in higher education today." Dr. and Mrs. Lot (Johnnye) were long-time, active members of Emmanuel Baptist Church, near Louisiana College. Upon his election the new president said, "I look forward to joining hands with all who are part of Chowan College. I am also eager to join North Carolina Baptists in their efforts to spread the gospel and to preserve historic Baptist principles."

BIBLICAL RECORDER REPORT

The headlines each day--Bosnia, Belfast, Saudi Arabia, taxes, school funding, presidential elections, etc.--often include Southern Baptists. The secular media show special interest in our conflicts but all too often do not tell the whole story of the good things Baptists are doing.

The Bibical Recorder attempts to tell the whole story--the many positive things people are doing in their churches along with the negative issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fulfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Biblical Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 163 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth. We live in an electronic media age where many think they have the answers to the issues but they do not because they do not read, only look and listen.

An informed Baptist is a better Baptist; an uninformed Baptist may be an uninvolved or disruptive Baptist. No democracy, including our local churches, can survive long without an informed, involved constituency which makes decisions based upon accurate information from reliable sources.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation. Recent and anticipated increases in mailing costs make CNS a greater value in 1996-97 than when it was started in 1990.

The paper focuses more and more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry. One sure way to conquer problems and overcome the barriers to effective witness and ministry is to have the facts, know the issues and be adequately informed.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact:

The Biblical Recorder
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Raleigh, NC 27609

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, IN 1995 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in generating endowment to enhance their permanent financial support. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased individual collective financial support. The Baptist Foundation is committed to assisting individual church members through creative stewardship methods to provide permanent financial undergirding of these ministries.

As of December 31, 1995, the Foundation held $55,608,452 under management. In 1995, $3,144,471 was distributed to Baptist work and $1,125,383 was distributed to indiduals for a total distribution of $4,269,854.

The income distributions for the entire 76 year history of the N. C. Baptist Foundation totals: $9,673,682 income paid to individuals and $13,458,579

to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $23,132,261.

W. Jesse Spencer, Chairman of the Board
Edwin S. Coats, Executive Director

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Primed for excitement after three hours waiting under a bright summer sky, hundreds of spectators craned their necks and peered toward downtown Asheville, June 26, when Michael Owen jogged into view - carrying the Olympic Torch on outstretched arm. Michael, one of 1,422 children Baptist Children's Homes served in 1995-96, lives at Broyhill Home in Clyde, one of 12 facilities BCH operates in North Carolina

Smiling and waving to the crowds holding aloft tiny flags and cameras, Michael lifted the symbol of international unity and pointed to friends among those who lined the parade route.

The entire Broyhill Home campus showed up, cheering wildly. They ate picnics at the end of Michael's route, and swarmed him when he passed the flame to the next carrier - a bicycle rider.

It could have been a family reunion, or a school scene, or a re-creation for a movie on family support. But Michael, and most of his supporters, are children who have suffered unspeakable abuses at the hands of adults they trusted to care for them.

And the adults who waded into that mob scene of joy at the end of Michael's run are called of God to help young people like Michael and those who surround him deal with those issues, and to overcome them.

As a boy, Michael was so ashamed of his clothes he ran home from school, never stopping to make friends. Worse, he endured almost nightly beatings from his father. He was 11 years old before he realized other boys weren't beaten every night. Four years later he found the courage to tell his father he was leaving. "Go ahead, call someone," he yelled, "Leave!"

Michael left. After six months in emergency care at Mills Home in Thomasville, he established a more permanent residence at Broyhill Home. Slowly, quietly, his emotions mounted within him until one night he erupted and spilled forth his story, the years of secrets and lies, to his child care worker, Betty Porter. "She stayed up with me and we talked a long time,"

Michael said. That was his first lesson in trust and unconditional love.

"Broyhill has changed my life so much," Michael said. "For almost a year I didn't trust anybody, but finally I felt a calmness I know was the Lord. Here I found the Lord and now I try to live every day for Him."

Michael's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Not all are as dramatic as a boy who grew from a punching bag to a torch bearer. But at four residential campuses, six emergency care cottages, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, more than 1,400 children and their families find help in a troubled time.

During the past year BCH received almost $1.5 million through the Cooperative Program, and $663,000 through the Thanksgiving Offering. Total church gifts of almost $3 million comprised 26.2 percent of BCH. operating revenue.

BCH. is in the midst of a $10.1 million "Light Their Way" Campaign to raise money for operations capital needs and endowment. At the halfway point in June, more that $5.4 million had been committed to BCH. through the campaign.

Videos of the children's presentation at the 1995 State Baptist Convention are available by calling the communications office a (800) 476-3669. You can also ask for the latest videos to tell you about your ministry to children and families through Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

Although Michael carries many fond memories of Baptist Children's Homes with him as he heads for college this fall, his earliest amazements were the secure sleep he got when he laid his head down, and of receiving his first pair of Nikes so he didn't have to be embarrassed by his appearance.

From head to toe Baptist Children's Homes cares for children and families. Thank you for helping to "Light Their Way."

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Blackwell, President

WORLD HUNGER

"Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted," Psalm 107:5. The original context of this Psalm is probably a worship service of Thanksgiving. It is a time to remember the blessings of God, not the least of which is His provision of the necessities of life such as food and drink. In the average American home such gratitude should be easy, but for almost a billion people in the world, hunger is their daily companion. Many parents watch their young die of malnutrition if not starvation. The lessons of Psalm 107 are critical for both the "haves" and "have-nots" of our world. It is obvious the "haves" in the world are no more deserving than the "have nots." In the psalm, hunger pain is not attached to faithfulness or its lack, for the hungry in the psalm are God's redeemed. It heightens our desire to help those in trouble when we understand that we could have been born into less favorable circumstances of life.

The psalmist is here writing about men, women and children in very difficult circumstances. They are near death from starvation, with no solutions in sight. Our thoughts wander to the pictures we see coming out of Somalia, Rwanda and other countries where starvation is rampant, or to circumstances we might have observed personally even in our own country. We do not have to look far to see the tragedy of hunger.

Finally, the psalmist makes it perfectly clear that God cares deeply about the plight of these sufferers. I feel the love of God on a personal level as I reflect upon His blessings upon my family and me. Personal blessings make me accountable for others. God chose Israel to be blessed, and also to be the carrier of blessing to other nations and individuals. He designed that their blessing be translated into ministry, drawing the pagan nations to Himself.

As we view the suffering of the world, our own blessings lose their flavor unless they are used to meeting the basic needs of others. We are blessed to bless. When Jesus saw the multitudes, "He was moved with compassion." His compassion was then translated into action as He went about meeting their needs. We might well object, "But, I am just one person, and the needs of the world are so great." I think I hear a voice from heaven saying, "Your help, when joined with that of others, can become like the boy's loaves and fish. Little is much when God is in it."

We have the method. SBC Foreign and Home Mission Boards stand head and shoulders above most hunger relief programs in getting our gifts for hunger to the most needy places. The method calls for our resources. The genius of Southern Baptist's method of hunger giving is that a dollar in is a dollar out. No other hunger relief ministry can rejoice in that kind of plan. God wants to bless our gifts. Let us encourage our churches to make world

hunger a priority this year. Please observe World Hunder Day, October 13, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Land

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Division of Pastoral care

During this year the 18 to 40 Chaplains present at various times at the Hospital made over 55,000 pastoral contacts. As of July 1, 1996, the counseling centers will be called CareNet, Inc., of The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. Over 26,000 hours of counseling was provided through the eleven centers across the state of North Carolina. Two additional centers will open in the fall of this year.

The Center for Congregational Health has, since inception in 1992, provided ministry at some level to over 225 North Carolina Baptist Churches.

Mission dollars from the Cooperative Program enabled the above ministries to be carried out and to touch thousands of lives.

Baptist Benevolent Care Fund

North Carolina Baptist joined us in a mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. We channeled every penny of the MDO, which amounted to $461,647, to help patients who had no health-care insurance and no financial means to pay their hospital bills. We are grateful to everyone who made this ministry possible.

Points of Emphasis and Progress

- Financial Stewardship - The Medical Center is constantly seeking ways to lighten the financial burden of those who are ill. The room rates were reduced by $50 per day.

- Aegis - This is an alliance of primary-care clinicians that serve patients regardless of their medical plans or HMO/P.O. affectation. "Aegis" means protection or sponsorship: Aegis Family Health Centers is a network of primary care physicians affiliated with the Medical Center. It now has 33 providers in 10 practice sites.

- Calcic of North Carolina - Calcic is the Medical Center's managed care company. Eighteen months old, it serves approximately 30,000 enrollees,

giving quality health-care and patient physician choice.

- Regional Integrated Information Network - RIDS is a regional computer network now in the pilot phases. The network allows providers in the region to exchange patient information electronically, saving time and money. RIDS is a plan which assists communities in our service area to develop a coordinated continuum of care. In this plan, primary care physicians, community hospitals, nursing homes and other patient care providers link their services with those of The Medical Center. The desired outcome is improved patient care and cost-effective services.

- The J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging - The Center devotes itself to the special problems of older adults. When the center moves to its new home in 1996, its services will not only provide specialized health care, but will also include a day care program for the elderly that will serve as a link between hospital and home, helping to reduce rates of rehospitalization and premature placement in nursing homes.

A Closing Word

Since its foundation in 1922 the Hospital has taken pride in our ministry of service. In doing so, we seek to make tomorrow's patient care and tomorrow's workplace constantly better. That has been our mission historically, and it continues to this day. I firmly believe that our best lies yet ahead, and I am committed to that reality.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

There is an old saying, "For lack of a nail, a shoe was lost. For lack of a shoe, a horse was lost. For lack of a horse a rider was lost. For lack of a rider, a message was lost. For lack of a message, a battle was lost. For lack of a battle, a kingdom was lost." A nail seems so trivial and small, yet in this case it was all important.

Sometimes church members may get the idea that with nearly 37,000 Southern Baptist churches, the amount given by their own church through the Cooperative Program is not really important. It may even seem small. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. It takes all of our churches to accomplish the tremendous mission which our Lord has placed in our hands. His command to go into all the world and preach the gospel is directed to each person and every church. It is possible for your church to extend itself throughout the United States and into more than 129 countries by giving through the Cooperative Program.

A church that gives on a percentage basis through the Cooperative

Program encourages by example good stewardship among its members. It is really saying that we believe what the Bible teaches about stewardship. Many churches have demonstrated that their own giving practices result in generous giving by members. Faithfulness by churches in giving a percentage through the Cooperative Program also gives church members a sense of missionary fulfillment. Through the Cooperative Program a Southern Baptist can remain in his home town or community and extend his witness to the "uttermost" part of the world.

Giving faithfully through the Cooperative Program makes a church member proud of his church. Most people want their church to be involved in missions. When this is accomplished, they know that because of their giving, "a kingdom was not lost."

ANNUITY BOARD

Retirement-planning experts estimate that most people will need at least 75 percent of their pre-retirement income to maintain a comparable retirement life-style. The more you earn, the lower the percentage of income replaced by the Social Security benefit. Social Security is intended to supplement personal retirement income.

Is your personal retirement-planning strategy adequate to help you achieve the recommended retirement income goal?

Your Annuity Board retirement plan - with features such as tax-deferral, possible matching contributions, competitive investments and new products and services - is a great way to provide the bulk of your retirement income.

Check your latest Member Benefit Statement to determine whether your current contributions will build enough to give you an adequate income. If not, perhaps Social Security will close the gap. To get an estimate of your future Social Security retirement benefit, call the Social Security Administration - 1-800-772-1213 - and request a benefit estimate.

If the combination of your personal retirement plan benefit and your estimated Social Security benefit doesn't seem adequate, consider increasing your retirement plan contributions. (IRS limits may apply.)

Contact your employer or the Annuity Board about upgrading your contributions.

The Annuity Board plans to introduce a new investment structure effective January 1, 1997, that will include 13 new fund investment options. To help you select an investment strategy that's appropriate for you, the Annuity

Board will offer the LifePoints investment education program. LifePoints will help you select an investment strategy that you feel is right for you. The program's ultimate objective is to help you act on what you learn. The LifePoints investment education program is for everyone who participates in an Annuity Board retirement plan. It is based on three profiles - Beginnings, the Midway and Transitions. These "life points" represent stages of retirement planning. Once you've made your choice, you'll fill out a Participant Investment Election form authorizing the Annuity Board to reallocate your accumulations and future contributions into the fund or funds you've chosen.

In the fall of 1995, the Annuity Board began offering the Voice Information Processing (VIP) Service. Through the toll-free number - 1-800-262-0511 - you have automated 24-hour access to such information as retirement plan investment descriptions and performances, your retirement plan account balance, and the current annuity funding rate.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Our Lord has faithfully guided the Foreign Mission Board's efforts through 1995. A thumbnail sketch of these blessings includes:

*A record number of newly constituted churches: 2,612
*Percentage increase of newly constituted churches: 21%
*Record number of total churches overseas: 39,073
*Total number of members among conventions and unions overseas: 4.11 million
*Total number of baptisms overseas: 287,806
*Member-to-baptism ratio overseas: 14-to-1
(Member-to-baptism ratio in the United States: 40-to-1)
*Number of countries served by missionaries: 131
*Total number of new missionaries appointed: 544
*Total number of missionaries serving overseas: 4,129
*Record amount of Lottie Moon offering: $85.9 million
*Total dollars appropriated for human needs: $5.85 million
*New churches among least-reached peoples: 367
*Baptisms among least-reached peoples: 6,548
*Number of new cities opened to the gospel: 528
*Number of new people groups touched with the gospel: 141
*Number of culture groups in The Last Frontier: 2,161
*Increase in the total number of churches: 6.65%

*Number of Southern Baptists in short-term volunteer work: Over 15,000
*Record number of Bible schools and seminaries: 595 (a 136% increase)
*Increase in Bible teaching ministries overseas: 11%
*Increase in enrollment in discipleship programs overseas: 74%
*Increase in home missionaries coming from overseas affiliates: 44%
*Increase in foreign missionaries from overseas affiliates: 87%

There are 2,161 unreached people groups. In order to place a missionary unit with each unreached group by AD 2000, the board must increase its income by 27.89 percent each year.

The Foreign Mission Board responds to disaster and other human needs through designated gifts to world hunger. These gifts have declined from nearly $12 million in 1985 to almost $6 million in 1995, greatly restricting the ability of the FMB to respond to these needs.

The 1996 budget of the Foreign Mission Board, used to support almost 4,200 missionaries in 131 countries, in $192,615,000. For the board to have 5,000 missionaries, it will require a budget of $266,400,000.

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HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Home Mission Board (HMB) is a missionary-sending agency of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). With national offices in the Atlanta, Georgia area, the HMB's purpose is to serve Southern Baptists by assisting churches to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start and grow New Testament congregations, and minister to people in the name of Christ.

As of December 31, 1995, there were 4,857 missions personnel serving in the United States, the Caribbean, Guam, American Samoa, and Canada. The HMB also has endorsed more than 2,400 chaplains who are serving in healthcare agencies, institutions, businesses, the military, and pastoral-care roles. Nearly 2,300 Mission Service Corps volunteers are serving on home mission fields. During the year there were 1,458 church starts, the second highest number in 10 years. Southern Baptist churches baptized 393,811 people in 1995, and increase of nearly 15,000 over 1994.

Approximately half of the HMB's support comes from the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. In 1995, gifts to the offering totaled $38,908,339, the largest in HMB history. One hundred percent of the offering goes to support the work of home missionaries in the field. The 1996 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal is $42 million. About 35 percent of the HMB's income comes from the denomination's Cooperative Program.

The following is a summary of program/support ministry highlights from 1995:

Chaplaincy Ministries--The 2,412 Southern Baptists now serving as chaplains and pastoral counselors reported more than 27,000 professions of faith. During the year, 179 Southern Baptist ministers were endorsed for the first time by the Chaplains Commission of the SBC.

Church Loans--The Church Loans Division closed 98 church loans totaling $25 million, including $3.4 million of refinancing.

Associational Administrative Service--In more than 1,025 associations, 950 associational missionaries have an extremely significant role in leading churches to strategize and work in partnership to evangelize, minister, and start churches in all places and among all people groups.

Language Missions--Home missionaries in the Language Church Extension Division worked among 106 ethnic groups and 98 American Indian tribes, using 106 languages and dialects, in addition to sign language.

Volunteers--Volunteers continue to serve in record numbers and represent more than $100 million in value to the HMB. In 1995, more than 70,000 persons served as volunteers. Mission Service Corps missionaries, numbering

2,1193, represent a cadre of committed people responding to God's call to be personally involved in home missions. They were responsible for leading more than 5,600 people to Christ.

Prayer and Spiritual Awakening--The Home Missions Intercessory Prayerline received 82,000 calls in 1995. Missionary prayer requests were given in more than 178,000 English and Spanish PrayerGrams.

Mass Evangelism--This department assisted in implementing the "Here's Hope, Jesus Cares for You", Harvest Revivals. An estimated 25,000 to 35,000 churches participated in some portion of the "Here's Hope" emphasis.

Alternatives to Abortion Ministries--As a result of ministries in 37 crisis pregnancy centers, 806 persons prayed to receive Christ and 1,823 babies were born.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE REPORT

In a recent survey released by the Family Research Council, 66% of those polled said that our country was headed down "the wrong track". When asked whether the nation's wrong direction could be attributed to the lack of jobs and economic health or a decline in moral values and family breakdown, over 60% indicated the latter. We at the Christian Action League agree that our state and nation need a restoration of biblical, moral and family values. In 1996 we were honored to assist communities in their battles for civic and moral righteousness and to promote laws in the General Assembly that have helped to restore family values to the State of North Carolina.

A. **Christian Values**--The Christian Action League joined with other Christian organizations to promote Christian Heritage Week in North Carolina, March 17-23.

The League undertook a project in association with the American Rights Coalition to distribute thousands of copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 5,000 copies of the 11 x 14 prints have been distributed throughout the state to individuals and churches.

B. **Lottery**--We saw renewed efforts to push a lottery bill through the General Assembly for a state-wide referendum. Representative Fitch introduced two lottery bills: HB 6060 (Rules Committee) and HB 838 (JII Committee). The League actively lobbied against these bills and both bills died in their respective committees.

C. **Sex Education**--CAL actively lobbied for HB 834, Abstinence Until

Marriage, a law that mandated that abstinence until marriage be the focus in sex education in North Carolina schools and was passed in the 1995 session.

D. Homosexuality--CAL participated in efforts to get SB 1487 (No Same-Sex Marriage) passed during the short session of the General Assembly. The bill passed both houses and became law.

My friends, we are living in times when the Christian community needs to exercise spiritual discernment and stand strong for Biblical principles that further righteousness, strengthen families and bless our state and nation. We are grateful to God for the prayer and financial support that the League receives from the churches of your association that allow us to be on the front lines in this spiritual warfare.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe S. Lennon, President

W. M. U. REPORT

The yearly meeting of the W. M. U. Met with Stameytown Baptist Church, May 6, 1996. Everyone was welcomed by the pastor, Rev. Russell Hoilman. Special music was presented by the Buchanan Sisters.
There were six churches represented. Helen Guinn read the prayer calendar and led in prayer. The congregation read the W. M. U. Watchword. Roll call of churches was by Wanda Carpenter. Reading of minutes was by Wanda Carpenter. Nominating Committee report and prayer was by Werdna Rouse. There was a joint W. M. U. Leadership meeting at Berrys' Chapel Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, for Avery and Mitchell Counties. There were three churches from Avery County represented. The guest speaker was Dr. Kenneth Gaskins.
W. M. U. Officers elected for the 1996-97 year, are as follows:

WMU Director.....Patsy Carpenter - 733-4091
Assistant.....Pat Singleton - 733-4090
Baptist Women Director.....Helen Guinn - 733-2606
Assistant.....Jean Houston - 733-2748
Baptist Young Women.....Hazel Franklin - 733-4592
Assistant.....
Acteens Director.....Chris Calloway - 765-4038

Assistant.....Margaret Ollis - 733-4835
G.A. Director.....Charlene Farrell - 733-6904
Assistant.....Angie Dugger
Mission Friends.....Lila Vance - 733-0711
Assistant.....Patricia Shook - 733-3535
Mission Action Director.....Linda Poteat - 733-5445
Personal Witnessing Director.....LeNita Platt - 733-8100
Enlistment/Enlargement Dir. .....Delores Basmore - 733-4161
Missions Study Director.....Kathy Massee - 733-1422

PLACE OF NEXT YEARS' MEETING: Aaron Baptist Church, May 5, 1997, 7:00 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday School is getting to be a very exciting place in Avery County! During the past year, we have been able to work in conjunction with the Mitchell Baptist Association to put together an ASSIST Team for Sunday School which is now state certified. ASSIST Team leaders are now available to help churches with training Sunday School Teachers in all levels of Sunday School. The Team was put into action at our Second Annual Fall Festival of Sunday School. This was held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Nine churches were represented, and a total of 41 Sunday School Leaders were able to benefit from the programs the ASSIST Team had prepared. A beautiful and challenging message was brought by Rev. Fred Lunsford. Preparations are already underway for next year's Festival. If you have any questions regarding the Sunday School ASSIST Team, please contact the Associational Sunday School Director or our Director of Missions

Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Smith
Associational Sunday School Dir

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET
1996-1997

100 KEY LEADERSHIP ORG.	PRESENT	PROPOSE
101 Sunday School	200.00	250.00
102 Discipleship Training	100.00	100.00
103 Baptist Men	50.00	50.00
104 Evangelism	200.00	200.00
105 WMU	200.00	200.00
10 VBS	150.00	150.00
107 Seminary Extension	100.00	100.00
108 Youth Ministry	200.00	200.00
109 Music	50.00	50.00
110 Media	50.00	50.00
111 Speakers Honorarium	200.00	200.00
	1,500.00	1,550.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary	7,300.00	7,900.00
202 Social Security	600.00	1,070.00
22203 Utilities and Housing	3,400.00	3,400.00
	11,300.00	12,370.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 D.O.M. Expense Re-imburse	1,000.00	1,000.00
302 Office Telephone	600.00	600.00
303 Office Supplies	2,950.00	2,950.00
304 Office Utilities	1,000.00	1,000.00
305 Newsletter Postage	400.00	500.00
306 Secretary	2,750.00	2,750.00
	8,700.00	8,800.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy	500.00	750.00
402 Resort Ministry	500.00	1,000.00

PROPOSED BUDGET CONTINUED:

	PRESENT	PROPOSE
403 West Virginia	500.00	0
404 Misc. Mission Fund	900.00	900.00
	2,400.00	2,650.00
500 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE		
501 Insurance (Equip. & Building)	550.00	550.00
502 Printing of Minutes	500.00	500.00
503 Health Insurance	4,500.00	4,500.00
504 Building Maintenance	800.00	800.00
505 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00
506 Convention Expense	400.00	400.00
507 Christmas Gift	300.00	300.00
508 Treasurer	250.00	250.00
509 Clerk	250.00	250.00
510 Property Taxes	200.00	200.00
511 Quarterly Tax Reports	0	400.00
	7,950.00	8,350.00
600 BUILDING FUND		
601 Loan Payment	0	5,809.00
TOTALS:	**31,850.00**	**39,529.00**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
1996-1997

Moderator	David Banner
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Joe Miller
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Assistant Treasurer	Lisa Daniels
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Assistant Clerk	Johnnie McCoury
Sunday School Director	Susie Smith
Discipleship Training Director	Lynda Carpenter
WMU Director	Lenita Platt
Baptist Mens Director	Rick Davis
VBS Director	Susie Smith
Evangelism Director	Rev. Andy Stephens
Music Director	Rev. Phil Murdock
Pianist	Lisa Smith
Youth Director	Polly Heafner

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Henry Strahan
Chuck Morefield
Omar Trivette
Andy Stephens

PRISON MINISTRY

Russell Hoilman
Dwight Taylor

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Rick Bell - Chairman
Max Smith
Hazel Franklin
Bill Jones
Sam Eller

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Max Smith
Harold Dellinger
Dennis Church
The Vice-Moderator serves as Chairman of this committee.

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Bonita Taylor

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EVANGELISM COM.

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Simon Franklin
Russell Hoilman

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All Assoc. Directors

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Lander Heafner
Bob Lacey

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James Burleson
Helen Guinn
Bruce Lacy

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

Jesus said, "How can two walk together except they be agreed." This verse takes on a whole new meaning as I think of Avery Baptist Association. The Co-operation of the churches and the committment of the people make this one of the best associations in the state.

The past year has been good. Many of the goals that we set last year have been reached. These goals included: adding new churches, increasing associational support and starting an Hispanic Ministry. All of these goals have been reached.

We recently voted to accept Longridge Baptist Church under the watchcare of the association. Two other churches have expressed an interest in joining our association and one will be voting on this soon. Our Lord is certainly at work in Avery Association. This is also evidenced by the increased financial support. This support allows us to plan for future ministries that would not have been possible otherwise. The dream of an Hispanic Ministry has also become a reality. This ministry is currently being led by Rev. Charles Alonzo and the group is meeting in his home. There is a great need here for transportation for the migrant workers so they can attend these services.

Our goals for the coming year are exciting. Of course we want to see our association grow, but growth without ministry is useless. This year we will be starting many new ministries within our county. Plans are already being made for a "Resort Ministry". This will include ministries at the craftsfair and agricultural fair, as well as preaching services and mission VBS in the campgrounds. We would also like to do a directory of our churches to place in motels and restaurants. We also have a goal to increase our Sunday School attendance and baptisms by 10% each year as we prepare to enter the new millennium.

The future looks great for our association. We must never forget to praise our Lord for what He has done and continues to do. May God richly bless each one of you as you minister where you are.

Submitted in His name,
Daniel Whetstine, Director
Avery Baptist Association

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
14 MONTH PERIOD
AUGUST 1, 1995 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	$27,400.04
Baptist State Convention	9,667.02
Minute Fund	376.50
Other	921.60
Total Receipts	$38,365.17

Cash on Deposit, July 31, 1995	$ 9,710.55
Add: Receipts for August 1, 1995 - September 30, 1996	$38,365.17
Total	$48,076.10
Less Disbursements	$33,374.15
Cash on Deposit, September 30, 1996	$14,701.95

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION BUILDING FUND REPORT
AUGUST 31, 1995 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1996
Rev. Lander Heafner, Jr.- Treasurer

Beginning Balance as of August 31, 1995	$ 6,542.01
Receipts through September 30, 1996	$ 5,766.02
Total	$ 12,308.03

Disbursements:

Payments to David C. Braswell	$ 6,293.30
Checking Service Charge	1.59
General Fund*	408.32
Total	$ 6,703.21
Balance on Hand, September 30,1996	$ 5,604.82

*Monies received for General Fund.

YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

The Youth Council for 1996 included Polly Heafner, First Baptist Crossnore, Bonita Taylor, Pleasant Hill, and Becky Ollis, Pineola. We would like to thank the Association for its total support. We would also like to say a special "thank you" to all the churches, for their participation in the events that were planned.

In May, the Association sponsored a Spring outing at Teen Valley Ranch, with 129 people participating. We enjoyed horseback riding, repelling, horseshoes, softball, rifle range and walking trails. The staff of Teen Valley provided a delicious meal and closed with a very moving and inspirational vespers. We would like to make this an annual event.

In the Spring, the Association, along with First Baptist Church of Crossnore, sponsored a Youth Rally and Evangelist Service at the Avery High and Middle Schools, with Clayton King and Raborn Johnson. Clayton is a popular youth evangelist and much sought after conference speaker. He spoke to the student bodies of these schools, challenging them to avoid the pitfalls of making bad choices, particularly in the drug and alcohol scene. Clayton delivered a powerful message following Raborn Johnson's contemporary Christian mini-concert. Rayborn caught the attention of the youth and adults with his excellent presentation. There were 79 people in attendance and 6 decisions were made at the invitation. The youth were invited to enjoy sub sandwiches, drinks and cookies. Special thanks to all those that helped to make this a great event.

Several things are being planned for next year, so watch your newsletter for further exciting events.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonita Taylor, Polly Heafner, Becky Ollis

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
1996 - 1997

AARON - Rev. Charles (Rick Bell)

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Mr. Smith Storey, Mrs. Wilma Storey

BIG MEADOWS - Rev. Harry Turbyfill, Mrs. Patsy Carpenter, Mr. Lacy Prather, Mrs. Opal Woody

CHESTNUT DALE - Mr. Conley Huffman

CRANBERRY - Rev. Burl Grindstaff

CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Mr. Harry Platt, Mrs. LeNita Platt

ELK PARK FIRST - Rev. Clarence Laws, Mr. Elbert McCoury

FALL CREEK - Rev. Chuck Moorefield, Mr. Charles Ward

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LONGRIDGE - Rev. John McCoury

MINNEAPOLIS - Rev, Bryan Griffith

NEWLAND FIRST - Dr. Bill Jones

OAK GROVE - Rev. Phil Murdock, Mrs. Cathy R. Batchelor, Mr. Howard Turbyfill, Mrs. Louise Turbyfill

PINEOLA - Rev. Joe Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Andrews, Mrs. Teena McNeely

PLEASANT HILL - Rev. Max Smith, Mrs. Wanda Smith, Mr. Stover Wise

PLEASANT VALLEY - Rev. Rufus Biddix

PILGRIM - Rev. Carter Moretz

POWDERMILL - Rev. Harold Dellinger, Mr. Florence Dellinger

STAMEYTOWN - Rev. Russell Hoilman

VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strahan

WHITES MEMORIAL - Rev. Andy Stephens, Mr. Ivor Dellinger, Mrs. Sharon Vance

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AARON - Mr. J. Ray Braswell

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Ora Estep, Mr. Clyde Jones

BIG MEADOWS - Mr. Harlan Carpenter, Miss Winnie Calloway, Mrs. Ethel Benfield, Mrs. Mamie Ruth Woodie Ingram, Mr. Ralph Arnett

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NEWLAND FIRST - Mr. Claude Stout

PINEOLA - Mr. J. L. Carpenter

PLEASANT HILL - Mr. A. J. Buchanan, Mrs. Jane Buchanan, Mrs. Nora Buchanan Guger, Mrs. Mable Hicks Johnson, Mr. Taylor Pritchard

POWDERMILL - Mrs. Bessie Buchanan, Mrs. Thelma Freeman

WHITES MEMORIAL - Mrs. Irene Young

Respectfully Submitted,
Hazel Franklin, Clerk

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1996 - 1997

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Rev. Charles Bell, PO Box 366, Banner Elk, NC 898-8057

1912 Aaron	W. H. Ollis
1913 Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman
1914 Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant
1915 Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis
1916 Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis
1917 Roaring Creek	D. A. Green
1918 Green Valley	D. A. Green
1919 Crossnore	D. A. Green
1920 Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman
1921 Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis
1922 Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis
1923 Newland	N. S. Hampton
1924 Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton
1925 Chestnut Dale	N. S. Hampton
1926 Green Valley	N. S. Hampton
1927 Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton
1928 Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton
1929 Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton
1930 Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton
1931 Aaron	K. L. Haga
1932 Crossnore	K. L. Haga
1933 Powdermill	E. W. Buchanan
1934 Mt. Pleasant	E. W. Buchanan
1935 Beech Mountain	E. W. Buchanan
1936 Pineola	G. D. Danner
1937 Flat Springs	G. D. Danner
1938 Green Valley	V. W. Green
1939 Fall Creek	V. W. Green
1940 Newland	V. W. Green
1941 Yellow Mountain	V. W. Green
1942 Elk Valley	V. W. Green
1943 Belview	R. T. Teague
1944 Elk Park	R. T. Teague
1945 Pleasant Hill & Minneapolis	R. L. Painter
1946 Jonas Ridge & Oak Grove	D. N. Jones
1947 Cranberry	D. N. Jones
1948 Powdermill	V. W. Green
1949 Crossnore & Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones

1950 Aaron & Newland	J. W. Costner
1951 Elk Valley & Valley Haven	J. C. Brown
1952 Sugar Mt. & Big Meadows	Mack Hodge
1953 Belview & Minneapolis	Mack Hodge
1954 Fairview & Whites Mem.	Mack Hodge
1955 Flat Springs & Beech Mt.	Mack Hodge
1956 Pleasant Hill & Newland	D. N. Jones
1957 Crossnore & Chestnut Dale	Ira Hodges
1958 Fall Creek & Roaring Creek	Howard Hodges
1959 Elk Park & Cranberry	Howard Hodges
1960 Oak Grove & Stameytown	G. H. Dellinger
1961 Aaron & Jonas Ridge	G. H. Dellinger
1962 Minneapolis & Pleasant Hill	Marion Smith
1963 Beech Mt. & Elk Valley	Marion Smith
1964 Powdermill & Belview	D. N. Jones
1965 Valley Haven & Cranberry	Raymond Turbyfill
1966 Flat Springs & Fall Creek	Raymond Turbyfill
1967 Yellow Mt. & Whites Mem.	Raymond Turbyfill
1968 Pleasant Hill & Big Meadows	Joe Puett
1969 Beech Mt. & Mt. Pleasant	Joe Puett
1970 Crossnore & Minneapolis	Max Holland
1971 Newland & Aaron	Robert Lindley
1972 Belview & Beech Mt.	Robert Lindley
1973 Big Meadows & Chestnut Dale	Lee Pittman
1974 Cranberry & Crossnore	Loyd Ramsey
1975 Elk Park & Elk Valley	Loyd Ramsey
1976 Fall Creek & Fairview	Roy Lee Barbee
1977 Jonas Ridge & Green Valley	Kenneth Lance
1978 Newland & Oak Grove	Kenneth Lance
1979 Pilgrim & Pineola	Tommy Wagner
1980 Pleasant Hill & Pleasant Valley	Harry Turbyfill
1981 Powdermill & Stameytown	Jack Bryant
1982 Sugar Mt. & Valley Haven	Richard Hollifield
1983 Whites Mem. & Yellow Mt.	Richard Hollifield
1984 Aaron & Beech Mt.	Harold Dellinger
1985 Big Meadows & Chestnut Dale	Bill Jones
1986 Crossnore & Elk Park	Elbert McCoury
1987 Fall Creek & Jonas Ridge	Elbert McCoury

HISTORICAL TABLES (CONT.)

1988 Cranberry & Green Valley	Clarence Laws
1989 Newland First & Oak Grove	Clarence Laws
1990 Pineola & Pleasant Hill	Omar Trivett
1991 Pleasant Val. & Powdermill	Omar Trivett
1992 Stameytown	Max Smith
1993 Sugar Mountain	Max Smith
1994 Valley Haven	Calvin Vance
1995 Whites Memorial	Bill Jones
1996 Aaron	Bill Jones

CONGREGATION AND MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported
1-Year Organized 3-Location 7-Other Additions 9-Total Membership 9b-Nonresident Members
2- Year Pastor Came 4-Ethnic Group 8-Members Lost 9a-Resident members 10-New member Training

CONGREGATION	County	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	9a	9b	10
Aaron	AVERY	1849	1993	2	01	1	2	104	98	6	0
Beech Mountain	AVERY	1869	1996	1	01	2	4	199	116	81	0
Big Meadows	AVERY	1845	1994	1	01	8	4	70	50	20	0
Chestnut Dale	AVERY	1903		1	01	0	0	58	57	1	0
Cranberry	AVERY			0	01	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	AVERY	1907	1983	3	01	7	10	469	354	115	0
Elk Park, First	AVERY	1917	1993	3	01	1	0	54	34	20	0
Fall Creek	AVERY	1885	1989	1	01	1	0	122	73	49	0
Newland, First	AVERY	1921	1983	3	01	20	2	397	327	70	6
Green Valley	AVERY	1891	1996	1	01	0	5	46	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	BURKE	1887	1996	1	01	3	4	209	125	84	0
Oak Grove	AVERY	1900	1988	2	01	9	12	259	244	15	0
Pilgrim	AVERY		1994	1	01	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	AVERY	1913	1995	1	01	4	2	106	53	53	0
Pleasant Hill	AVERY	1905	1991	1	01	4	5	326	190	136	0
Pleasant Valley	AVERY	1883	1994	1	01	0	0	79	79	0	0
Powdermill	AVERY	1914	1992	1	01	1	3	220	136	84	0
Stameytown	AVERY	1949	1987	1	01	0	0	88	88	0	0
Sugar Mountain	AVERY	1950		1	01	1	3	44	44	0	0
Valley Haven	AVERY	1948	1995	1	01	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Memorial	AVERY	1949	1996	1	01	3	3	121	121	0	0
Associational Totals						65	59	2,971	2,189	734	6

BAPTISM INFORMATION

Items Reported:
5 -Total Baptisms
5a-Baptisms Under 6
5b-Baptisms Age 6-8
5c-Baptisms Age 9-11
5d-Baptisms Age 12-17
5e-Baptisms Age 18-29
5f-Baptisms Age 30-59
5g-Baptisms 60-up
6-College Student

CONGREGATION	5	5a	5b	5c	5d	5e	5f	5g	6
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Beech Mountain	6	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	6	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	5	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0
Elk Park, First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	7	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0
Newland, First	9	1	0	2	2	2	1	1	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pleasant Hill	5	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Valley	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Powdermill	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	9	0	1	6	2	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mountain	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Memorial	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
									0
Associational Totals	67	1	15	21	14	9	4	3	
									0

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Items Reported:
11-Total SS Enrollment 11b-Children 6-11 11d-Adults 18-24 11f-Adults 35-54 11h-Special Ed 11j-Gen. Officers
11a-Preschool Birth-5 11c-Youth 12-17 11e-Adults 25-34 11g-Adults 55-up 11i-Homebound 11k-Other Bible Study

CONGREGATION	C/M	11	11a	11b	11c	11d	11e	11f	11g	11h	11i	11j	11k
Aaron	c	106	0	5	3	6	0	14	58	0	0	8	12
Beech Mountain	c	90	5	12	6	0	12	11	18	0	0	10	0
Big Meadows	c	70	10	10	3	2	10	20	15	0	0	10	0
Chestnut Dale	c	47	2	1	44	3	0	16	14	0	0	7	0
Cranberry	c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	c	311	30	45	41	22	40	69	60	0	0	4	0
Elk Park, First	c	27	3	4	3	0	3	2	9	1	0	2	0
Fall Creek	c	133	8	7	5	40	21	17	26	0	0	9	50
Newland, First	c	160	16	15	26	7	24	25	47	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	c	48	0	2	0	0	14	24	8	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	c	96	12	11	11	0	18	19	0	0	0	3	22
Oak Grove	c	118	9	10	16	8	16	30	25	0	0	4	0
Pilgrim	c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	c	41	4	2	3	5	5	4	18	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	c	148	12	14	12	6	11	23	33	0	28	9	0
Pleasant Valley	c	54	3	6	4	3	2	20	3	0	3	10	0
Powdermill	c	115	8	7	17	0	0	40	23	0	0	20	0
Stameytown	c	88	11	12	4	4	0	11	15	0	0	2	0
Sugar Mountain	c	79	4	6	7	4	3	15	21	0	0	25	0
Valley Haven	c	44	6	3	0	6	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Memorial	c	43	4	4	4	3	6	9	4	0	0	9	0
Associational Totals		1,818	147	176	209	119	185	389	397	1	31	132	84

OTHER SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Items Reported
12-SS Avg Weekly Att. 14-SS College Students 16-SS Not Ch Member 18-Backyard Bible Clubs
13-New SS Members 15-SS Single Adult 17-VBS

CONGREGATION	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Aaron	55	2	3	10	20	0	0
Beech Mountain	41	6	0	0	0	47	0
Big Meadows	60	8	0	2	10	0	0
Chestnut Dale	37	0	0	0	4	32	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	181	0	6	15	25	156	0
Elk Park, First	20	2	0	3	2	16	0
Fall Creek	60	8	5	13	3	63	0
Newland, First	90	21	0	0	0	42	0
Green Valley	23	0	0	1	0	60	0
Jonas Ridge	36	0	0	0	5	52	0
Oak Grove	84	9	4	0	15	58	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	40	2	1	0	0	45	0
Pleasant Hill	74	4	4	5	3	59	0
Pleasant Valley	40	3	0	0	0	72	0
Powdermill	120	9	0	0	0	56	0
Stameytown	48	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mountain	45	0	1	0	0	50	0
Valley Haven	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Memorial	34	5	0	0	0	40	0
Associational Totals	1,110	79	24	87	0	848	0

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total Ongoing Discipleship Trn. 19c-Ongoing Youth 20-Total Short Term 20c-Short term Youth 21-TeamKid Clubs
19a-Ongoing Presch. B-5 19d-Ongoing Adult 18-up 20a-ShortTerm Preschool 20d-Short term Adults
19b-Ongoing Child. 6-11 19e-DT Gen Officers 20b-Short term Children DTEN(19+20) - Total DT Enrollment

CONGREGATION	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	DETN	21
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	39	0	0	13	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	39	0
Elk Park, First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0
Newland, First	36	4	8	24	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	64	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0
Oak Grove	78	8	7	14	47	2	17	0	5	0	0	95	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	42	2	3	10	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	42	0
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Sugar Mountain											0	0	0
Valley Haven	15	0	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
Whites Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Associational Totals	210	14	20	61	110	5	45	0	5	0	40	255	0

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported
22-Total Enrollment 22b-Preschool 4-5 22d-Children 9-11 22f-Adult Choir 18-up 22h-Handbells 22j-Instrumental Ensemble
22aPreschool 3 yrs. 22c-Children 6-8 22e-Youth 12-17 22g-Senior Adult Chior 22i-Vocal Ensemble

CONGREGATION	22	22a	22b	22c	22d	22e	22f	22g	22h	22i	22j
Aaron	24	0	0	0	0	2	22	0	0	0	0
Beech Mountain	41	1	1	5	4	10	20	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	38	0	4	3	6	2	23	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	111	0	3	5	16	0	55	0	12	20	0
Elk Park, First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	33	2	1	0	4	2	24	0	0	0	0
Newland, First	60	0	0	3	6	10	33	0	0	4	4
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	48	0	7	5	1	1	22	0	0	9	3
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	50	0	2	4	1	9	30	0	0	4	0
Pleasant Valley	24	0	1	1	5	4	8	0	0	5	0
Powdermill	40	0	2	3	1	14	20	0	0	9	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mountain	26	0	3	4	4	1	10	0	0	0	4
Valley Haven	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Whites Memorial	42	2	1	2	4	4	14	2	0	11	2
Associational Totals	557	5	25	35	52	59	301	2	12	62	13

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Items Reported
23 - Total Enrollment 23b -Girls in Action 6-11 23d -Women on Mission 23f -Children in Action 23h -Adults on Mission
23a - Mission Friends B-5 23c - Acteens 12-17 23e - WMU Ldeship Team 23g - Youth on Mission

CONGREGATION	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	23f	23g	23h
Aaron	24	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0
Beech Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	13	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	92	10	8	10	46	18	0	0	0
Elk Park, First	6	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Fall Creek	19	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0
Newland, First	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	28	0	5	8	3	4	0	0	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	10	0	0	0	8	2	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	25	2	3	4	16	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Valley	19	0	4	2	2	8	0	0	0
Powdermill	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Association Totals	265	12	20	24	165	33	0	0	0

BROTHERHOOD INFORMATION

Items Reported
24-Total Brotherhood Enrollment 24b-Ages 9-11 24d-Ages 18-up 26-World Changers 28-Mission Action Groups
24a-Ages 6-8 24c-Ages 12-17 25-EZRA Enrollment 27-Mission Projects BHEN(24+26+27+28) Total

CONGREGATION	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25	26	27	28	BHEN
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	61	6	10	10	35	0	0	0	25	86
Elk Park, First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland, First	18	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	18
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Jonas Ridge	10	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	10
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
Pleasant Hill	10	2	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	10
Pleasant Valley	14	1	2	2	9	0	0	0	0	14
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	8
Sugar Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associational Totals	137	10	13	19	95	0	0	3	25	165

GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported 31-Total Receipts 32-Undesignated Gifts	33-Designated Gifts 34-Total Local Expenses		35-New Construction 36-Church Literature		44-Value Church Property 45-Money Borrowed			46-Church Debt	
CONGREGATION	31	32	33	34	35	36	44	45	46
Aaron	70,894	56,479	14,415	59,790	13,294	2,024	236,770	0	0
Beech Mountain	26,916	47	2,938	16,311	0	1,601	90,000	0	0
Big Meadows	36,123	0	1,000	16,279	195	447	185,000	0	0
Chestnut Dale	20,000	0	0	20,500	8,500	467	134,600	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	358,250	202,128	149,850	757,897	613,050	9,913	1,500,000	211,500	220,000
Elk Park, First	7,765	6,325	1,442	9,452	800	552	105,000	0	0
Fall Creek	50,963	44,197	6,470	34,833	0	1,555	0	0	0
Newland, First	209,379	162,629	46,750	168,819	0	6,250	950,000	0	136,000
Green Valley	21,287	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	29,744	284	928	22,684	0	2,103	200,000	0	0
Oak Grove	101,724	77,662	24,062	94,436	0	1,715	500,000	0	58,464
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	35,670	0	0	32,735	0	657	71,000	11,000	6,000
Pleasant Hill	74,236	70,464	3,772	37,874	0	981	480,000	0	0
Pleasant Valley	13,808	12,776	1,032	13,730	0	1,360	0	0	0
Powdermill	76,271	47,724	28,547	63,516	28,844	830	450,000	0	189,000
Stameytown	23,129	3,576	0	0	0	1,044	0	0	0
Sugar Mountain	22,043	19,606	2,599	20,245	0	1,013	210,700	0	18,000
Valley Haven	20,000	17,329	2,000	14,718	0	377	150,000	0	0
Whites Memorial	19,943	17,477	2,472	15,762	0	1,041	100,000	0	0
Associational Totals	1,218,145	738,703	288,277	1,399,581	664,683	33,930	5,363,070	222,500	627,464

MISSION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported
37-Total SBC Mission Expenditures 39-Assoc. Missions 41-Annie Armstrong 43-Other Mission Exp.
38-Cooperative Program 40-State Missions 42-Lottie Moon

CONGREGATION	C/M	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
Aaron	C	7,982	4,500	1,650	0	792	1,040	3,801
Beech Mountain	C	4,770	783	1,808	383	0	1,796	2,595
Big Meadows	C	3,360	0	1,470	450	200	575	4,200
Chestnut Dale	C	2,100	500	0	0	0	500	250
Cranberry	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore, First	C	59,974	42,011	10,000	0	1,512	3,831	10,760
Elk Park, First	C	343	343	0	0	0	0	277
Fall Creek	C	8,009	1,260	1,680	0	2,208	2,461	6,344
Newland, First	C	18,700	8,000	3,800	300	400	5,500	5,200
Green Valley	C	0	0	0	0	0	237	3,100
Jonas Ridge	C	3,361	1,867	754	0	376	364	1,860
Oak Grove	C	11,625	6,000	1,800	1,500	1,000	1,325	9,325
Pilgrim	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	C	9,811	5,350	480	1,200	913	1,868	0
Pleasant Hill	C	20,704	0	2,091	697	3,183	11,515	3,218
Pleasant Valley	C	1,540	874	375	0	50	50	135
Powdermill	C	1,839	0	900	450	0	271	0
Stameytown	C	3,906	1,302	409	402	526	422	476
Sugar Mountain	C	0	0	110	0	300	289	0
Valley Haven	C	3,831	1,428	920	0	0	150	0
Whites Memorial	C	1,451	151	410	0	0	445	200
Associational Totals		163,306	74,369	28,657	5,382	11,460	32,639	51,641

SPECIAL ITEMS

Items Reported 47-AM Worship Att 48-PM Worship Att	49-Church-related Voc 50-Sr. Adult Ministry		51-Mission Project Vol. 52-Support Groups			53-Evang. Visit 54-Bible Studies		55-SS Workers meet. 56-Assoc Miss on %			57-Intercess. Prayer 58-Comm. Min.	
CONGREGATION	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
Aaron	100	15	0	0	4	0	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Beech Mountain	56	0	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Big Meadows	60	50	0	0	0	0	N	Y	N	N	Y	N
Chestnut Dale	52	0	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Crossnore, First	325	170	1	10	2	1	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Elk Park, First	23	0	0	0	0	0	N	Y	N	N	N	Y
Fall Creek	65	50	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Newland, First	225	0	0	0	0	0	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
Green Valley	30	25	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N
Jonas Ridge	76	25	1	0	0	0	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
Oak Grove	150	80	2	0	4	0	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Pineola	50	30	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Pleasant Hill	64	32	0	0	1	0	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Pleasant Valley	39	48	0	4	0	2	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Powdermill	115	40	0	0	0	0	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Stameytown	50	30	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sugar Mountain	33	15	0	0	0	1	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Valley Haven	25	0	0	0	0	0	N	N	N	N	N	N
Whites Memorial	46	38	0	0	0	0	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Associational Totals	1,584	648	4	14	12	4						

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We the affiliated Southern Baptist Churches of Avery County and one of Burke County, to facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel, to provide a medium of cooperation and recognize our interdependence and our dependence upon our Lord Jesus Christ; but in no case presume to direct or control the cooperative churches in reference to their government of internal policy; do hereby purpose to establish and maintain an Avery Southern Baptist Association in accordance with the following plan.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. It is the purpose of the association to provide an organization for the Southern Baptist Churches affiliated with it.
Section 2. To encourage them to faithfulness in every endeaver which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Section 3. To encourage them in the support of the association, Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptist Convention.
Section 4. To cultivate a friendly and helpful union among the affiliated churches for their mutual benefit; and to engage in cooperative endeavers which the individual churches might be unable to accomplish alone.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of those churches represented by duly elected messengers for the annual meeting and representation elected by the local church to represent in other endeavers, from their membership, affiliated through prayerful and financial support of the body, known as the Avery Baptist Association - and:

a. Faith and practice of member churches shall harmonize with generally accepted articles of faith of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.
b. Maintain affiliation by a letter of report to the annual associational meeting.
c. Financial support is vital to carry on work through the associational body and the ongoing ministries of the churches working together. A suggested goal of three (3) percent of the financial receipts of the cooperating churches is suggested as a minimum contribution.
Section 2. Each church having resident membership of one hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger.
Section 3. The pastors who are members or who are laboring in connection with said church.
Section 4. The duly elected officers of the association.
Section 5. The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

Section 1. The baptist churches, which have petitioned for membership, been examined by the duly designated committee of this body, presented before the association, and by a vote of the association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose of the undertaking of the body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches.
Section 2. The vote of the association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote

ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but not bind them in any way; yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety, and intelligence of the body, it may justly acclaim for itself, for objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.
Section 2. There shall be a membership, Constitution, By-laws and study committee consisting of the Director of Missions, Moderator and three (3) others elected annually.

Section 3. This committee shall examine withdrawals of affiliation of any churches to the Avery Southern Baptist Association.
Section 4. Any church desiring membership with the association shall place their request with the above stated committee. The committee will in turn inform the executive committee at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting about the request. The committee shall furnish all information in accordance with Article III on membership requested from the church to the Executive Committee upon their request. When the Executive Committee has taken action on the request of the church, it shall be presented to the association in the annual meeting.
Section 5. Should any church disqualify itself by practice or doctrines contrary to those of the association, as stated in Article III on membership, or fail to represent itself by messenger or letter more than two (2) consecutive sessions without reason, or threats with contempt the objectives and requirements of the association, the association may dissolve connection with such church. This may be done by action taken in the annual meeting, after coming through the above stated committee and Executive Committee.
Section 6. Any issue once presented to the association in regular session, after coming through the related committee and Executive Committee, being voted upon, must have a period of two (2) years of waiting before being presented again.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist their attendance at all sessions of the given associational meeting.
Section 2. It shall be the duty of the church to have their associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing. The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the association fourteen (14) days prior to the time for the annual meeting.
Section 3. It shall be the duty of each church to prayerfully uphold and financially support the association work.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association will be held annually on the first Friday of the month of October unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the association.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, Music Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed. These officers shall be members of the affiliated Baptist churches and the duly elected various organizations, subject to the approval of the association.

Section 2. Their active term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body, unless herein after or before stated.

Section 3. It is suggested two (2) years of service be encouraged, and even longer would be advantageous to the association work, unless contrary to specifications otherwise stated in this document.

(A) MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to act;

1. In an executive capacity of all meetings according to the principles of a presiding officer.
2. As ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise specified.
3. The term of the moderator shall not exceed two (2) years in succession, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one (1) year.

(B) VICE-MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the moderator to serve as presiding officer. The Vice-Moderator will function in other capacities necessary to association work, if the moderator is unable to perform, or as requested. This includes completion of term, due to resignation.

1. Will serve as chairman of the program committee.

(C) CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and, together with a publishing committee which shall consist of a moderator and two other appointed members of the association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body.

1. Attendance of the Executive Committee meeting is encouraged at all times, or arrangements for coverage.

(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: Assist the clerk in all tasks; and will function in the absence of the clerk, or at any time the clerk is unable to perform.

(E) TREASURER: As Treasurer, he or she shall keep records of all funds coming into his or her possession, and an account of all disbursements.

1. Give a printed monthly and annual financial report.
2. Provide records for a yearly audit.
3. Serve with the finance committee.

(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall be prepared for and function in the absence of the Treasurer, or any time the latter is unable to perform.

(G) HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the association.

(H) PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall guide the business of the Association, as called upon, through interpretation of the guide-lines set forth and specified in the constitution and/or By-laws. If not specified therein, then in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4. The various heads of organizations, namely Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Chairman of Evangelism and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed shall preside over the activites of these ministries and promote the working of the same.

Section 5. The Director of Missions shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

(A). The officers of the association.

(B). The pastor of each church, who is a member of, or laboring in connection with, said church and one lay member of the church.

(C) . Two lay members, nominated and elected by the church who does not have a pastor or member to represent them.

(D). The name of the lay members of the Executive Committee, elected by their respective churches, shall be reported to the association in the church letter of report, for the annual meeting. They shall take office in like manner, as other members.

(E). This committee shall meet quarterly as prescribed by the associational calendar activities.

(F). The Executive Committee shall be authorized to hold special meetings if needed, upon call of the Moderator, or in the Moderator's absence the Vice-Moderator, or the Director of Missions. Notice must be given to each member church and associational executive officers one week in advance for any special meeting.

This committee shall submit full report of its work to the association at each

session.

Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding on the association (subject to their approval at the annual session), together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual association budget.

Section 3. The Associational Council shall be composed of the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Missions Committee, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, Stewardship Director, and the Director of Missions, who will serve as chairman of the Associational Council. The duties of the Associational Council are:

1. To promote all work of the association.
2. To prepare a calendar of activities. If any cancellations take place after dates have been approved and placed in the printed calendar, it will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the Program Committee (Vice-Moderator) to see that proper notice has been mailed to the churches.

Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members, including the Treasurer. The five (5) others will be recommended by the nominating committee. No church shall have more than one (1) representative. Two (2) of the five (5) nominated will rotate off at one time and three (3) the next rotation time.

(A) It is recommended the members of the Finance Committee serve at least two (2) years and longer, if approved, not to exceed five (5) years without a lapse of at least one (1) year of service.

(B) This committee will be responsible for preparation and recommendation of an early Associational Budget after contact with chairmen of committees, directors, the Director of Missions and awareness of office needs to perpetuate the Avery Southern Baptist Association work, then presented through associational procedure.

(C) This committee shall assist in other financial needs and, when called upon, function in such matters.

Section 5.

(A) The Nominating Committee will consist of Avery Baptist Associational key leaders, which include the following: Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Mission Committee Chairman, plus three members to be elected at the annual meeting. The Moderator and Director of Missions shall be ex-officio members.

(B) The duties of the committee shall be to elect a chairman and to bring

nominations for all the general officers of the Avery Baptist Association; all department heads, standing and rotating committees, representatives of the denominational agencies and institutions, and General Board representative (who serves a four (4) year term unless completing a term due to resignation).
(C) They shall contact all those to be recommended to fill offices before their names are to be presented..
(D) In event that any office becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Executive Committee.
(E) This committee shall have additional members as the need arises.
Section 6. Program Committee shall consist of three (3) members including the Vice-Moderator who shall be chairman. They shall contact all those to be on the program and inform those to give reports. This committee shall be recommended to the Nominating Committee.
Section 7. Trustee Committee shall be composed of three (3) persons. They shall have the responsibility of holding the deeds for associational property, signing any notes, mortgages, or other legal documents pertaining to the property of the association. They shall meet at the call of any need in reference to their job.
Section 8. The Ordination Advisory Committee shall be composed of six (6) members who shall act in an advisory capacity for churches or for ministerial students seeking ordination counseling. The committee shall assist in the ordination of candidates for the ministry only after their call to some specific position in Christian service, and shall refrain from announcing the date for ordination until after the Advisory Committee approval of the candidate.
Section 9. The Properties Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to care for all physical properties of the association. This includes such items as repair and maintenance, insurance, property improvement, office and other equipment and long range planning for development and the like.
Section 10. The Membership, Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee shall be composed of three (3) Members who are responsible for the examination of the affiliation and/or withdrawal of any church in the Avery Baptist Association. The committee will bring to the association body, through required channels, the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as needs arise.
Section 11. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to examine all financial records and then bring its report to the association.
Section 12. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of two (2)

members whose duty it shall be to present to the association such resolutions as they deem in order, or which may be referred to them.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting provided such an alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the morning session and acted upon at the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed, in as far as applicable, in the governing of the Avery Southern Baptist Association, where not otherwise specified by the Constitution or By-Laws.

AMENDMENT I

The Executive Committee shall meet three times yearly instead of Quarterly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 21, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Asst. Moderator Rev. Joe Miller.

Rev. Russell Hoilman read the Scripture, I John 3:1, and led in prayer.

In a roll call of churches, six (6) were represented, with a total of twelve (12) members present.

A Financial Report was given by Rev. Max Smith, and was approved as given.

Old buisiness was read and approved.

Under new business, Rev. Daniel Whetstine reported on gifts to the West Virginia Partnership.
He also suggested the Association begin supporting the Baptist Student Union, as a College Ministry. Motion for this was made by Rev. Russell Hoilman, and seconded by Rev. John McCoury, and approved unanimously. Rev. Whetstine suggested the Association look into refinancing the Association Building, through a financial institution and pay off the owner. This was voted and approved.

A motion by MacAuthor Vance, and seconded by Rev. Russell Hoilman, that the amount of downpayment from the General Fund, to the bank loan, not exceed $12,000.00. This was voted and approved.

It was recommended by Rev. Whetstine, that a partition be built in the back room, of the Associational Building, and furnished for the purpose of a Prophet's Chamber. A motion to this effect was made by Taylor Hicks, seconded by Rev. Max Smith, voted and approved.

Meeting was adjourned in prayer, by Rev. Max Smith.

APRIL 21, 1997

The meeting was called to order by Moderator David Banner. Rev. John McCoury gave the devotion, using I Thes. 5:16, and led in prayer.

A roll call of churches showed eight (8) churches represented by twelve (12) members in attendance.

Old business was read and approved.

A financial report was given by Rev. Max Smith, and approved by committee.

Rev. DanielWhetstine gave a report on the Baptist College Ministry. He also stated that work on the Prophets Chamber has been postponed until additional help is found to do the work.

Pertaining to new business, Rev. Whetstine reported that a mission trip had been scheduled for Sparta, KY, to help churches that have been damaged in the recent flood. The mission trip is scheduled for the week of May 11th through 16th. All skilled and unskilled workers are needed.

Rev. Max Smith suggested that the Association make a contribution for this trip to help the workers in the cost of their meals. It was also suggested that the Association purchase canned goods for the group to take with them. This was seconded by Rev. Rick Bell, and voted and approved.

A second mission trip that was discussed involved going to Union, W. VA, to conduct VBS and Back-Yard Bible Clubs. The Pastors in our Association were asked to encourage their young people to go.

It was announced that the Associational WMU annual meeting will be held at Aaron Baptist Church on Monday, May 5th, at 7:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Rick Bell, with prayer by Rev. Dennis Church.

JULY 21, 1997

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by Moderator David Banner, and Rev. Garry Sparks gave the devotion, using Romans 12:1, and led in prayer.

There were seven (7) churches represented, with thirteen (13) members present. Minutes of old business was read and approved.

The Financial report was given by Rev. Whetstine in the absence of the Treasurer, as there was a death in Rev. Max Smith"s family. A motion to accept the report as given, was made by Rev. John McCoury, seconded by Rev. Jude Hughes, and carried.

Charles Greer, Director of the Baptist Student Union, gave a report on projects that have been completed.

Rev. Whetstine reported that the mission trip to West Virginia was not carried out, as no interest was shown by the churches. He also reported that work on

the Prophet's Chamber was progressing.

Under new business, Rev.Whetstine asked the Association to designate funds to purchase office furniture, carpet, cabinets, and bedroom furniture for the Prophet's Chamber, with a projected figure of $4,000.00. A motion to this effect was made by Richard Clark, seconded by Rev. Terry Robinson, voted and carried.

In discussing the Annual Association Meeting, Beech Mountain Church suggested, and it was decided that the lunch would be held at the church. Another announcement of interest, was the Clayton King Youth Crusade, to be held on August 16th, at the Mitchell High football stadium.

Rev. Jude Hughes moved to adjourn, and prayer was led by Rev. Dennis Church.

Respectfully submitted, Hazel Franklin, Assoc. Clerk

86TH ANNUAL SESSION
BEECH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1997

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am, by Moderator David Banner. The congregation was led in a hymn, "He Lives", by Rev. Phil Murdock, accompanied by pianist Carolyn Church. For the devotion, Rev. Dennis church read John 4:34-38, and led in prayer.

Rev. Joe Miller presented the program adoption, with motion made by Conley Huffman, seconded by Rev. Dennis Church, voted and approved. In a roll call of churches, by Mrs. Hazel Franklin, it was noted that 16 churches were represented, with 78 in attendance.

The Moderator called for miscellaneous business, and for presentation of new pastors. Three new pastors were introduced as follows:

Rev. Bryan Griffith, Minneapolis Baptist Church
Rev. John McCoury, Long Ridge Baptist Church
Rev. Gary Sparks, Sugar Mountain Baptist Church

Rev. Phil Murdock then led the congregation in another hymn, "I Know Whom I Have Believeth", with pianist Carolyn Church.

The Mission Message was brought by Rev. Roger Wall, who serves in Amman, Jordan , using Genesis 17:17-20, as his scripture.

A very interesting history of Beech Mountain Baptist Church, was given by Sam Harmon.

The Children"s Home Report was given by Reggie Gilmore.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Rev. Max Smith. A motion to adopt the report was made and carried.

The Director of Missions Report was presented by Rev. Daniel Whetstine, in the form of a motion, and was carried.

Rev. Phil Murdock led all the Pastors in a special hymn, "Heavens Jubilee", during the offering time.

The Budget and Finance Report was presented for adoption, by Rev. Daniel Whetstine, and the motion carried. This was followed by the Nominating Committee Report, given by Rev. Andy Stephens, and this motion carried.

Mr. Coy Jeans, of Marion, delivered the Baptist Foundation Report.

Rev. Russell Hoilman gave a report on the Blue Ridge Prison Ministries, and introduced three of the youth from the Bridge Program to give their testimonies.

Special music in song, was presented at this time, by Susie Smith of Crossnore.

The Challenge Message was brought by Rev. Toonie Cash, who gave a very inspiring and interesting interpretation of Psalms 23.

The Baptist Hospitals Report was given by Jim Murphy, after which the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting for the afternoon was called to order by Rev. Joe Miller, Moderator, with 40 members present. Rev. Phil Murdock led in singing "Blessed Assurance", with Carolyn Church, pianist.

A devotion was given by Rev. Garry Sparks, reading Acts 3, and he led in prayer.

Following this, Lisa Chilson presented Volunteer Mission Opportunities, for North Carolina Baptist Men; Diane Love spoke on the South Africa Partnership; and, Charles Greer gave the Baptist Student Union report.

Rev. Phil Murdock led the congregation in another hymn.

Four more reports were given, as follows: Baptist Homes Report, by Luther Osmont, Baptist Colleges Report, WMU Report by LeNita Platt, and the

Baptist Hospitals Report by Dr. James Murphy.

Rev. Joe Miller, Moderator, then conducted the miscellaneous business and Election of Officers, of the Association.

After leading the congregation in another hymn, Rev. and Mrs. Phil Murdock presented special music in song.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Bryan Griffith, dealing with the Biblical names of God.

A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting closed in prayer.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

At the sound of a car in his grandmother's carport, Jason looked out the window, and was shocked to see his mother striding toward the house. She was angry, and Jason shouted, "Lordy, it's Momma", as he ran to the back bedroom to call the police.

Just 12 years old, Jason had lived in seven foster care homes and with his grandmother on and off since his father died seven years earlier. His mother's addictions cost her custody of her only son. For whatever reason, tonight she wanted him back.

Out of control, Jason's mother broke open the door and kicked grandmother to the floor. She grabbed her by the hair and "slung me around by the hair of my head", Grandmother says, remembering.

Mother shouted for Jason to come out of hiding, and threatened to kill his grandmother. She grabbed a bottle, broke it and held the jagged edge to grandma's throat, shouting that she would kill her if Jason didn't come out.

Just then Jason's aunt arrived from a house next door, and held his mother's arms until the police arrived.

Six years later, grandmother beams with pride for Jason, who overcame that tragic traumatic start in life. Jason garnered academic, athletic and leadership honors in a steady stream at Tuscola High School in Haywood County and is starting college in August, 1997 as a freshman at The Citadel.

At Tuscola, he was captain and MVP of the track and cross country teams and a conference champion, vice-president for his senior class, Cadet Colonel and ROTC commander in a group of 115 cadets, in National Honor Society, in the top ten percent of his class, attended leadership events at Western Carolina University and Washington, D.C., and was a peer helper and peer

counselor.

At the Citadel he will study political science with a minor in military history and international affairs. He wants a military career as a fighter pilot, then to enter politics after retirement.

Jason credits Broyhill Home, his home since that traumatic night in his grandma's house. "All the accomplishments of my life have been made possible by Baptist Children's Homes", Jason said at his final awards banquet at Broyhill Home, where he received top honors for the second year.

"Broyhill has made me into a young man with a future, who knows now where he is going and what he wants to do. They've opened the doors to enable me to do that."

As for grandmother, who was desperate to find a place for Jason after the incident in her house, she prays "every night and I thank God every night that we have a place like Broyhill Home and Baptist Children's Homes."

Jason's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Not all are as dramatic but every one tells of a young person and a family at the end of an unraveling rope, and of BCH tying the knot in that rope and helping them to hold on.

At four residential campuses, six emergency care cottages, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, 1,398 young people found help in troubled times last year.

During the past year BCH received $1.5 million through the Cooperative Program, and $724,000 through the Thanksgiving Offering. Total church gifts of $3.05 million comprised 25 percent of the BCH budget.

In June, 1997, Baptist Children's Homes successfully completed the $10.1 million "Light Their Way" Campaign to raise money for operations, capital needs and endowment. Two major priorities of the campaign will be completed in early 1998; the Winifred Lindsay Education/Administrative Center at Odum Home in Pembroke, and John D. and Amelia W. Johnson Cottage at Mills Home. A third priority, the Hubert M. Craig Lodge at Cameron Boys Camp, has been completed.

A new video, "Families Under Construction" is available to promote the 1997 Thanksgiving Offering, which has a statewide goal of $750,000, the largest ever.

A model program for family preservation as been initiated at Mills Home in Thomasville. Two social workers are on staff to work intensively with families which are at risk of being separated, but who, with help, can overcome their issues and stay together.

Thomasville Area Director, Bill Scarlett, also is initiating ways for churches

and their members to be directly involved on campus - from tutoring, to cooking, to spending early evenings giving personal attention to residents to free staff for more intensive counseling.

Baptist Children's Homes' work was featured in November on "The 700 Club" and in December on CNN. BCH also adopted a missions statement this year which is "helping hurting children, healing broken families".

Whenever children are hurting and families are strained, Baptist Children's Homes strives to heal.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Blackwell, Pres. James Goldston, Trustee

BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Since opening its doors in 1923, The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., has remained fully committed to the purpose of carrying out a ministry of healing as taught by Jesus Christ. It is this Christ-like spirit that has led patients such as Helen Keller to write: "When I was coming out from under surgery, they treated me with fine love, and I could feel it. I have been in places where it didn't matter how many times you pressed the call button, you would just lie there and wait, but the nurses at Baptist Hospital always came right away. If I ever have to go back to a hospital, this is where I would come."

Baptist churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1996 the Mother's Day Offering amounted to $456,497.00. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From this past year's offering, over $200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist churches. May God bless all those who gave so generously.

During the year the Chaplains and Staff of the Pastoral Care Department provide worship services in Davis Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for patients and family members. The Pastoral Care Department Staff supervised 65 students during the year. They made more than 50,000 ministry contracts, an increase of 10% over the previous year.

CareNet, Inc. continues to grow. There are now 13 counseling centers located in strategic areas across the state. During the year these centers will provide over 26,000 hours of counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc., continues to expand its assistance to ministers and churches. Programs and assistance offered to churches include Consultants and Intentional Interims working with churches as they face the challenges of today. The Young Leader's Program helps in leadership development, and the Clergy Wellness Program, Turning Point, is designed to foster a holistic growth-approach to the individual minister's life calling.

In April, the J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging and Rehabilitation opened the doors of a new 240,000 square foot state-of-the arts building. Here services are provided to older adults. These services include a geriatric assessment clinic, Acute Care for the Elderly clinic, Alzheimer's disease and memory disorders clinic, osteoporosis clinic, geriatric gynecology clinic, a women's health center, education services, and a legal clinic for seniors. It houses a true "Day Hospital" for seniors - the first in the state - which provides therapy, examinations and rehabilitation as day-time treatment, eliminating costly overnight stays.

On November 4, 1996, the doors were opened to The Medical Center's new CompRehab Center. The 70,000 sq.ft. building houses a full spectrum of physical rehabilitation and related clinical services, including a Sports Medicine Center, Foot and Ankle Center, The Hand Center, Outpatient Physical Therapy Center, Spine Center, and the Neurorehabilitation Center.

The Medical Center has the only designated Level I trauma center in Northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

According to a report in the February issue of *Applied Clinical Trials,* Bowman Gray School of Medicine ranked in the top 10 U.S. clinical research institutions.

QualChoice - established by The Baptist Hospitals, Inc., The Bowman School of Medicine, and Wake Forest University, this managed care plan provides quality health care and patient physician choice. QualChoice is now able to offer coverage to ministers and church staffs.

You can learn more about The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., by checking us out on our Web site at: http://www.bgsm.edu. Here you can find helpful information about nutrition, research, and the division of Pastoral Care.

Health On-Call - Need a physician or answers to questions about health topics? Dial (800)446-2255. A registered nurse will take your call and help you select the right physician, answer your questions, provide information or

mail printed material to you.

Assistance and information can be obtained by contacting one of our helpful and courteous switch board operators at (910)716-2011.

In the midst of changing health-care norms, we will not diviate from the mission entrusted to us by the Baptist people of North Carolina. We stand fully committed to excellence and compassion, and remain visionary as we face the demands of the health care market. Under the providence of God, we will continue to find the ways and means to be successful without compromise.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

These are "watershed years" for Baptists! Analysts almost daily remind us that the radical changes in our society and the erosion of so much that has been precious to us in our religious life is creating a time of major "transition" as we Baptist and other church groups face the 21st century.

The Biblical Recorder tries to tell the whole story with a focus on the many positive things people are doing in their churches and world missions, along with the crucial issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fulfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Bible Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 164 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth.

People are reading less than any time in recent history at the very time there is an increased number of publications and periodicals. It is true of secular publications, it is true of wholesome books from respected libraries, it is true of religious publications. An informed Baptist is a better Baptist; no democracy, including local churches can survive long without an informed constituency which makes decisions based upon accurate information from reliable sources.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in

1990. This system lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family.

The paper deliberately focuses more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in their witness and ministry. One sure way to conquer problems and overcome the barriers to effective witness and ministry is to have the facts, know the issues and be adequately informed.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information contact: The Biblical Recorder, 232 West Millbrook Road, Raleigh, NC 27609. Phone number (919)847-2127.

Respectfully submitted, R. G. Puckett, Editor

BAPTIST COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

1996 Total enrollments (Regular and Summer School): 24,125
Graduates: 4,119 Faculty: 1,456 Administration: 161
Church-related Vocations Students: 526

Campbell University

-Opened January 5, 1887 as Buies' Creek Academy.
-Became Buies' Creek Junior College, August 21, 1924.
-Authorized by Baptist State Convention to become Campbell College, December 17, 1926.
-Began a senior college program with the junior class in 1961.
-School of Law founded in 1976.
-Graduate program in Education launched in 1977; in Business, 1978.
-Became Campbell University on June 6, 1976. School of Pharmacy and School of Education founded in 1985.
-School of Divinity founded in 1995.

Norman A. Wiggins, President

Chowan College

-Founded and opened for students as Chowan Female Inst., Oct. 11, 1848.
-First called Chowan Female Collegiate Institute in 1851.
-First called Chowan Baptist Female Institute in 1868.
-Became Chowan College on May 17, 1910.
-Became coeducational senior college, 1931.

-Changed to a junior college, September, 1937.
-Changed to senior college status, Fall, 1992.
Stanley G. Lott, President

Gardner-Webb University
-First chartered as Boiling Springs High School, December 2, 1905.
-Opened as Boiling Springs Junior College, September 3, 1928.
-Name changed and new charter granted to Gardner-Webb Junior College, Inc., June, 1942.
-Charter amended in conformity to the Constitution of the NC Baptist State Convention, November, 1946.
-Became a fully accredited senior college December 1, 1971.
-Became Gardner-Webb University on January 1, 1993, and opened School of Divinity, Fall, 1993.
M.Christopher White, President

Mars Hill College
-First commencement as French Broad Baptist Institute, July 4, 1856.
-Chartered as Mars Hill College, February 16, 1859.
-Opened as Mars Hill Junior College, August 14, 1922.
-Began a senior college program in 1962.
A. Max Lennon, President

Meredith College
-Incorporated as Baptist Female University of N.C., February 27, 1891.
-Opened for students, September 27, 1899.
-Became Baptist University for Women by Legislative enactment, on January 20, 1905
-Became Meredith College by Legislative enactment, January 24, 1911.
John E. Weems, President
(Meredith College has formally requested a new relationship with the Baptist State Convention, patterned after the one with Wake Forest University. The matter will be voted upon during the November 11-12, 1997 Convention.

Wingate University
-Authorized as Wingate School of Union Baptist Association, 1895.
-Opened 1896, chartered 1897,
-Became a junior college in 1923.
-Baptist State Convention assumed sponsorship; withdrew in 1930 and returned Wingate College to support by Union and other associations.
-Trustees first appointed by N.C.Baptist State Convention in 1949.

-Became a senior college in 1977.
-Began offering graduate work in 1985.
-Became Wingate University in 1995.
Jerry E. McGee, President

Wake Forest University
-Opened as Wake Forest Institute, February 3, 1834.
-Chartered as Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, December 28, 1938.
-Bowman Gray Medical School of Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, offically opened July 1, 1941; first class September 10, 1941.
-Wake Forest College authorized by special session of Convention meeting in Greensboro, July 30, 1946, to move to Winston-Salem.
-First session in Winston-Salem began with the summer term, June 18, 1956; Wake Forest College became a university, June 12, 1967.
-Baptist State Convention and Wake Forest University established a new relationship on November 11, 1986, as described in the Convention's Constitution, Article XIV.
Thomas K. Hearn, Jr., President

One of the greatest strengths of a Baptist college is the freedom for persons in leadership to demonstrate and espouse the Christian faith. Faculty members are not only free to do so, but are also encouraged to share their faith and to relate that faith to the academic discipline and the personal needs of the students.

Baptist colleges and universities are committed to the belief that an educational pilgrimage is not experienced fully unless one's intellectual growth is accompanied by spiritual growth.

Write to the Baptist college or university of your choice for more information. Or write to Council on Christian Higher Education, Baptist State Convention of NC, P. O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107.

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

Our February Offering this year was the strongest yet. Gifts through the Cooperative Program have come to us above the norm. Thank you for making it possible for us to make this year "The Best of Times" for so many North Carolina Baptist Older Adults.

New Places:

Cliffwood Retirement Community, Fayetteville - Opening in early 1999, the Cliffwood Retirement Community is designed to meet the needs of middle income Older Adults. It will offer residents a continum of care ranging from Independent Living and Assisted Living options to nursing care.

A New Retirement Community, Concord - Design work for a new continuing care retirement community in the Concord area has begun with ground breaking expected in the spring of 1998.

New Programs

Home and Community Based Programs - The Solarium Programs for Older Adults suffering from dementia related disorders are well established in the Prince Nursing Center at Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem and in the Rickman Nursing Center at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville.

A new home and community based program offering respite care to Older Adults in the Asheville area began this year. This service provides safe, structured, creative enrichment for seniors diagnosed with dementia-related disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, and provides relief for families giving in-home care to these dear ones.

New People

Winston-Salem, Albemarle, Hamilton and Asheville Areas:

Margaret Almond has joined the Executive Management Group as Vice-President for Development.

Tammy Harwood brings nursing and management skills to the position of Home Manager and Administrator at the Taylor House in Albemarle.

Paulette Richmond is Completing a year of service as Home Manager/ Administrator at The Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton.

Edgar Ferrell, retired pastor of Black Mountain First Baptist, now serves as Chaplain at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville.

Calvin Knight serves as Chaplain at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem.

We send this report with our gratitude for your prayers and gifts enabling us to make life for Baptist Older Adults...The Best of Times!

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Stillerman

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in generating endowment to enhance their permanent financial support. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased individual collective financial support. The Baptist Foundation is committed to assisting individual church members through creative stewardship methods to provide permanent financial undergirding of these ministries.

As of December 31, 1996, the Foundation held $60,892,220 under management. In 1996, $2,600,680 was distributed to Baptist work and $1,259,082 was distributed to individuals for a total distribution of $3,859,762.

The income distributions for the entire 77-year history of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation totals $10,932,764 income paid to individuals and $16,059,259 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $26,992,023.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard D. Laws, Chairman of the Board
Ralph W. Dixon, Jr., Executive Director

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

The ground is rocky, rough hewn, baked by equatorial sun. Elephants and marauding bands have pounded this ground for thousands of years. Hardly the place where anything might take root, let alone grow and prosper. Yet, as the harvest seson approaches, the workers pause to survey the fields. They see the first fruits of their efforts.

God called out Martha and Bruce Schmidt as laborers and sent them into the fields. Now the Karamojong are coming to personal faith in Jesus Christ by the scores.

Just a few years ago, the idea of sowing, watering and harvesting in such places as Karamojo, Turkmenistan, Nepal and the Amazon seemed as remote for Southern Baptists as the locations themselves. But viewing the world as God does shows its people in a whole new light. The boundaries between

nations, drawn during conferences of world superpowers in the late 19th century, begin to blur. Distinct ethno-linguistic groups that show some cultural consistency quickly come into focus. Many of these people groups cannot be contained by geographic boundaries, either. In search of freedom from persecution, better living conditions, or escape from the tyranny of an oppressor, many of these groups migrate freely across artificial lines. More than 6,000 of these distinct ethno-linguistic groups exist. Easily, one-third of these groups have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ, nor had an opportunity to respond to the gospel in their own language. By placing one missionary couple with each group, Southern Baptists could bring a witness to these unreached groups of The Last Frontier. But our international missions force would have to double the number of workers now serving through the International Mission Board (formerly the Foreign Mission Board). The harvest is truly plentiful, but the workers are few.

Still, Christ's command to go and make disciples of all nations is a command that no Christian can ignore. Although we are beginning to see people as culturally diverse and to glory in the differences that make us truly distinct, we need to remember that the world's lostness is the common denominator that breaks down all the differences. God, not wishing for any to perish, is preparing the ground for His seed. And He is using those who are obedient in the work of planting, nurturing and harvesting.

Maybe He is calling you to go plant your life and witness among an unreached people group. Maybe He can use you to nurture prayer support in your church and break down the walls that keep people in darkness. Maybe He can use your talents as a nurse, a carpenter, a pastor, or a college student during a volunteer mission project to help bring in the harvest. Maybe these pages will help you discover God's call for your life.

We pray that you will be blessed by the exciting news of what God is doing around the world and how He is using Southern Baptist to accomplish His purpose. If we are obedient, we can look forward to that day when we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Respectfully submitte,
Jerry Rankin, President

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

Southern Baptists may be at the most strategic time of our denomination's 152-year history. With 15 million members in more than 40,000 churches,

we are entering the 21st century with more resources for evangelism than any time in the history of the world. Technological advances now make it possible to fulfill the command of Matthew 28 - spreading the gospel to every person. Creation of the North American Mission Board (formerly the Home Mission Board) is critical to that endeavor.

The primary responsibility of North American Mission Board (NAMB) is to reach the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Guam, and American Samoa for Jesus Christ, using every appropriate means of evangelism and church planting. The resources of three former SBC agencies - The Home Mission Board, the Brotherhood Commission, and the Radio and Television Commission - were combined, creating a dynamic synergy that will propel missions into the 21st century.

NAMB leaders are committed to working closely with Baptist associations and state conventions/fellowships in serving the needs of churches as they attempt to reach people for Christ. Every activity of the new agency will be focused on meeting the needs of local churches as they share Christ with their communities.

Our home missionary force of almost 5,000 jointly supported missionaries will continue to be vital to the front line of hands-on ministry. NAMB calls on Southern Baptist to renew and strengthen their support of our missionaries by praying for them, serving alongside them as missions volunteers, and giving sacrificially to the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

The agency will support missionary and local church efforts by giving increased attention to evangelism, church planting, and evangelists ministries in major cities, on campuses, and among every people and language group in our assigned area. Our efforts will be undergirded with national prayer support and the most technologically advanced media resources available.

Other resources include:

*2,500 SBC-endorsed chaplains

*82,000 volunteers, including 2,200 two-year Mission Service Corps volunteers

*provides resources for missions education

*coordinates multi-state disaster relief response

Amidst the many changes, we know many things will not change. God is in control. The primary mission of NAMB will be to evangelize and congregationalize our nation. And our home missionaries will depend on the intercessory prayers and sacrificial giving of Southern Baptist.

ANNUITY BOARD

Are you one of those people who intends to let retirement just "happen"? Have you started thinking about what you want to do when you retire and how much money it will cost you to do it? If you wait until retirement to start asking these questions, you may not like the answers. The sooner you take action to fund your retirement, the better.

There are many ways to invest for retirement. Retirement planning experts estimate that most people will need at least 75 percent of their pre-retirement income to maintain a comparable retirement life-style. The more you earn, the lower the percentage of income replaced by the Social Security benefit. Social Security is intended to supplement personal retirement income.

Is your personal retirement-planning strategy adequate to help you achieve the recommended retirement income goal? Your Annuity Board retirement plan - with features such as tax-deferral, possible matching contributions, competitive investments and new products and services - is a great way to provide the bulk of your retirement income.

Check your latest Member Benefit Statement to determine whether your current contributions will build enough to give you an adequate income.

The Annuity Board introduced a new investment structure on January 1, 1997. It includes 13 new fund investment options. To help you select an investment strategy that's appropriate for you, the Annuity Bord offers the LifePoints investment education program. LifePoints helps you select an investment strategy that you feel is right for you. The program's ultimate objective is to help you act on what you learn. The LifePoints investment education program is for everyone who participates in an Annuity Board retirement plan. It is based on three profiles - Beginnings, the Midway and Transitions. The LifePoints represents stages of retirement planning.

You may call the Annuity Board through a toll-free number - 1-800-262-0511. You have automated 24-hour access to such information as retirement plan investment descriptions and performances, your retirement plan account balance, the current annuity funding rate and insurance plan descriptions. The value of Annuity Board funds now is calculated daily to account for changes in the stock and fixed-income markets. Daily valuation allows the Annuity Board to offer up-to-date account information, fund performance and/or net asset value (NAV) information, faster processing of transfer requests, timely investment of contributions, and transaction processing.

Your Annuity Board plan is a powerful investment tool, but you have to put it to work. Start soon. The sooner you start, the more time your money has to grow and compound.

Pay yourself first. Pay your retirement account as you would a monthly bill. Automatic salary reduction makes it easy. Save what you can. How much you save depends on your finances, but contribute as much as you can afford. All the money in your plan - personal contributions, employer and Baptist State Convention contributions (if you are eligible), and earnings - grow tax-deferral and ensure you receive any employer and/or state convention matching contributions available to you.

Stick with it, Investing a little every month uninterrupted for the long haul can pay tremendous dividends in compound growth.

WORLD HUNGER

Hunger is a curious thing; at first it is with you all the time, waking and sleeping and in your dreams - you scheme, you plan, you steal - not for relish or some delightful delicacies - but just for a crust of bread, a bit of rice, a small morsel left on someone's plate.

Every three seconds somewhere in our world a child dies from hunger or a hunger-related disease. Every single day more than 35,000 people die as a result of hunger and starvation.

The need seems so overwhelming, but as Southern Baptist we are involved in World Hunger relief. One hundred percent of all hunger funds received go directly to hunger causes. Together, you and I are making a difference. We are not only feeding the hungry, we are also teaching the hungry skills that will allow them to feed themselves. For example, missionary Steve Fillette in Ethiopia reports that a seven-year development project carried out with relief funds was successful. The project made drinking water available for 39,344 residents in 35 rural villages. Approximately 10,976 people were fed in emergency feeding programs, and many farmers are now growing crops that provide better nutrition. All this established an atmosphere in which 11 churches were started!

In India, pastors' wives were trained in primary health care. The Hindus see Christians as "untouchable", but a Hindu mother, desperate for her sick baby's life, called for one of these health care missionaries. Because of this training program, many entire Hundu villages are now open to Christians and 30 Hindu families have been converted. God opened a wide door of opportunity.

In Argentina, Operation Milk will distribute powdered milk to children up to six years of age and to expectant mothers. In Venezuela El Milagro Preschool conducts a feeding program that will give 90 children, ages three

to eight, two balanced meals per day, five days per week. In Bosnia, a hunger relief project will provide more than 5,500 two-person food parcels to be distributed in four central locations. In North Brazil, a Wells of Hope project will provide usable water resources for a minimum of 100 rural townships in the drought-stricken interior. We are responding to the victims of flooding in North Korea by providing food assistance to sustain an area of approximately 50,000 people. The Baptist Rural Development Model is providing milk goats, cattle, sheep, ducks, and gardening seed to the relocated people of Indonesia.

These projects are just a part of holistic response, both spiritual and physical, designed to help people help themselves rather than become dependent upon outside resources. Many times, ministry to the whole person results in a new body of believers in the community that has been helped.

The Bible says the Lord smiles upon those who consider the poor. Jesus Himself sought to win the souls of the lost, but look how many times He touched the hurting.

For more information, contact the Human Needs Ministries Office of the International Mission Board (formerly Foreign Mission Board). Find out how you and your church can be a part of fighting hunger.

Remember to observe World Hunger Day on Sunday, October 12, 1997.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Cooperative Program was born in 1925 in Memphis, Tennessee, during one of the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention. This brought order when looking for a better way to finance the spreading of the Gospel. Sometimes church members may get the idea that with nearly 37,000 Southern Baptist churches, the amount given by their own church through the Cooperative Program is not really important. It may even seem small. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. It takes all of our churches to accomplish the tremendous mission which our Lord has placed in our hands. A church that gives on a percentage basis through the Cooperative Program encourages by example good stewardship among its members.

Southern Baptist made a covenant with each other at the 1976 Southern Baptist Convention that "every person in the world shall have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Christ by the year 2000". As we approach the twenty-

first century, we are working harder than ever at home and abroad to reach that goal. Hundreds of North American and international missionaries, thanks to Cooperative Program dollars, live in every corner of the globe sharing the love of Christ with people who have never heard His Word. And those of us at home, although we have not chosen missions as a career, have a vital part in this ministry as well. We must continually pray, give, and share God's love with others as we go about our daily routines.

The Cooperative Program theme for 1997-98 is "Up Close and Personal". Church members will be encouraged to become personally involved in the life of at least one missionary. As church members begin to see firsthand the work of Cooperative Program dollars and better understand the total missions force supported through cooperative giving, they will be challenged to increase mission support through the Cooperative Program.

Southern Baptists' hands and hearts are locked together through the Cooperative Program in getting the word out about what happened in Bethlehem and Jerusalem which can make a difference in this damaged and devastated world. You don't give to the Cooperative Program - you give through it. It is not a catch basin for Southern Baptist money, it is a conduit for the ministry of Jesus Christ.

The major emphasis on the Cooperative Program is Cooperative Program Day in your church, scheduled for April 19, 1998.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE

According to Dr. James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Ministries, approximately 6 million crimes are committed in the United States annually. Murder arrests of teens are up 92 percent since 1985; the number of 13 to 15 year-olds arrested for murder nearly doubled between 1982 and 1992; 1.6 million cars are stolen each year; America spends $39 billion a year on police protection, $29 billion on prisons and $10 billion on legal and judicial costs for criminal cases; drunk drivers cost us $110 billion a year, and drug abuse costs $440 billion a year. With these alarming statistics, the Christian Action League of North Carolina is constantly working to restore moral and biblical principles to our state and nation through the legislative process and the public education system and by assisting communities in our state with local battles for civic and moral righteousness.

Christian Values:

It was the pleasure of the Christian Action League to sponsor the Second-Annual Christian Heritage Week in North Carolina, March 16-22. The League encourged schools, churches and communities to recognize, commemorate and learn about the Christian heritage and history of our nation. We mailed information about a League sponsored essay contest to be written on America's Christian Heritage to all high schools in the state hosted an awards ceremony and banquet for the top three state winners of that contest in Raleigh.

We lobbied for and promoted SB442, The American History Act. A bill that would allow public school teachers to read or display historical documents even though they contain religious references. This bill passed the House and is now in a conference committee.

The League continued in 1997 to participate in a project with the American Rights Coalition to distribute copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, we have distributed approximately 10,000 copies of these prints.

We promoted Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in our January newsletter that reaches over 22,000 people.

We offered copies of Dr. Billy Graham's speech to the May 5, 1997, Joint Session of the General Assembly on audio cassette through our newsletter. Dr. Graham was being honored for his tremendous worldwide contributions to religion, morality, racial equality and family.

We promoted and worked for the passage of HB 511, Evolution Not Taught as Fact.

Lottery:

Lottery proponents felt this was the year to bring a state-sponsored lottery to North Carolina. The League, through letters, e-mail and faxes, kept its members updated on lottery information and encouraged its members to contact their legislators. The lawmakers received a barrage of letters and calls from across the state saying that the lottery was a bad bet for North Carolina. The League will continue to monitor this issue as the session nears an end, but as of today, the lottery seems to have been defeated for another session.

Sex Education:

We worked with other Christian and conservative groups to see that the Federal Mandate for Abstinence Until Marriage education was implemented in this state.

Abortion:

The League lobbied for and encouraged its members through Legislative Alerts to write in support of HB 303 and SB 536 (Ban Partial Birth Abortion), HB 594 (Fetus Death from Criminal Act) and HB 536 (Abortion/Woman's Right to Know). We offered the video "Reversing Roe" through our newsletter. This video tells the story of Norma McCorvey of the infamous Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court case who after 25 years and 35 million aborted babies tells of her transformation from an abortion industry pawn to a pro-life Christian.

Homosexuality:

We offered the powerful and emotional video of Michael Johnston "On Wings Like Eagles". This video tells of Michael's 11 years in the homosexual lifestyle and his struggle between right and wrong and about forgiveness and grace. Michael is founder of Kerusso Ministries, an organization to help others struggling with this sin.

Alcohol:

We worked with communities in helping them set up an organization to combat liquor referenda. Lobbied against SB 838 (ABC Tourism Resorts Permits); SB 837 (Sports Club ABC Permits) and SB 447 (Lumberton Economic Development District), bills that allowed alcohol sales without the vote of local citizens. Encouraged our members to call and write legislators to ask them to vote against these bills.

Pornography:

We lobbied for SB 452 (Local Regulation of Adult Establishments) and notified our members to contact their legislators and encourage them to vote for this legislation that would give local governments more control in regulating these establishments.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny R. Henderson, Exec. Director
Joe S. Lennon, Presiden

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W. M. U. REPORT

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. Was held on May 5, 1997, at Aaron Baptist Church, with Rev. Rick Bell, pastor, extending the welcome. Helen Guinn read the prayer calendar and led in prayer, followed by the congregation reading the W. M. U. Watchword.

Special music was presented by Susie Smith.

In the Roll Call of Churches, by Patsy Carpenter, six churches were represented, with a total present of 31. Patsy then read the minutes of the last annual meeting. An introduction of officers was given by LeNita Platt, followed by a prayer of dedication by Hazel Carpenter.

A Fall Leadership Training will be held on October 28th, at Sugar Mountain Baptist Church, with W.M.U. classes included for those churches desiring to start a W. M. U. Organization.

The annual Pastors and Wives Christmas Dinner will again be sponsored by the W.M.U., this year.

Officers elected for the 1997-98 year, are as follows:

WMU Director.....LeNita Platt
Assistant.....
Baptist Women Director.....Helen Guinn
Assistant.....Jean Houston
Baptist Young Women.....Hazel Franklin
Assistant.....
Acteens Director.....Chris Calloway
Assistant.....Margaret Ollis
G. A. Director.....Charlene Farrell
Assistant.....
Mission Friends Director.....Lila Vance
Personal Witnessing Dir. .....Alice McKinney
Enlistment/Anlargement.....Dolores Bazemore
Missions Study Director.....Kathy Massee

Place of next annual meeting: Big Meadows Baptist Church, May 4, 1998, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
LeNita Platt

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
1997-1998

Moderator	David Banner
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Joe Miller
Treasurer	Rev. Max Smith
Asst. Treasurer	LeNita Platt
Clerk	Hazel Franklin
Asst. Clerk	Johnnie McCoury
Sunday School Director	Susie Smith
Memory Work Director	Lynda Carpenter
WMU Director	LeNita Platt
Baptist Men Director	Jeff Vance
VBS Director	Susie Smith
Evangelism Director	Rev. Andy Stephens
Music Director	Rev. Phil Murdock
Pianist	Libby Watson
Youth Director	Diane Love

MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

John McCoury, Chairman
Jude Hughes
Chuck Moorefield
Omar Trivette
Andy Stephens

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

Max Smith
Dennis Church
The Vice-Moderator serves as
Chairman of this committee

BUDGET & FINANCE COM.:

Rick Bell, Chairman
Max Smith
Hazel Franklin
Bill Jones
Sam Eller

YOUTH COMMITTEE:

Diane Love, Chairperson
Phil Rikard
Becky Griffith
Bonita Taylor
Garry Sparks

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:

Andy Stephens
Phil Murdock
Joe Miller
Morris Trammel

RESOLUTIONS COM.:

Kathy McCoury, Chairperson
Carol Buchanan

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:

Bill Jones, Chairman
Rick Bell
Lander Heafner

ORDINATION COUNCIL:

Rufus Biddix
Andy Stephens
Bryan Griffith
Conley Huffman

TRUSTEES:

Joe B. Perry
Simon Franklin
David Banner

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Harry Turbyfill
Harry Platt
Simon Franklin

AUDITING COMMITTEE:

James Burleson
Helen Guinn
Bruce Lacey

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Webster's dictionary defines an association as "an organization of persons having common interests". This describes the ministry of Avery Baptist Association perfectly. We are twenty-three churches on mission for Christ where we are.

The ministries of our association are many and varied. In fact there are way too many to list in this short report, so I will just briefly mention a few of the accomplishments of the past year.

We have attempted to minister in all areas of need and to all people. I feel that we were successful in most of our efforts.

Once again our association had a very successful Fall Festival of Sunday School in September. The attendance was off, but the leaders did a wonderful job. Avery and Mitchell Associations now have a full slate of "State-Certified" Sunday School workers with the exception of pre-school.

We participated once again in the Christmas gifts for West Virginia, and we also had a very well attended Senior Adult Rally in May.

We continue to work closely with the Hispanic Ministry, to gain much needed financial support from our state convention. We are also actively involved in the ministry of the Blue Ridge Youth Center.

This past year our association has collected materials for the Atlanta Mission, conducted a VBS clinic, Backyard Bible Clubs, and a summer campground ministry on Friday nights. We worked with our state convention to get a Baptist Student Union started at Mayland Community College, added a "Prophet's Chamber" to the associational office and had one of the most successful Youth Crusades that I have ever seen.

I am sorry to report that not everything has gone as I would have liked. For some reason we cannot generate any interest in the South Africa Mission Partnership and two mission trips had to be cancelled because no one would participate. One of these trips involved flood relief in Kentucky and the other was in West Virginia.

We must praise our Lord for the success of this past year. May we continue to follow His leadership and put Him first in our efforts. If we do, our association can only do good things. God bless you all!

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Whetstine

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET
1997-1998

100 KEY LEADERSHIP ORG.	PRESENT	PROPOSED
101 Sunday School	250.00	250.00
102 Baptist Men	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism	200.00	200.00
104 WMU	200.00	200.00
105 VBS	150.00	150.00
106 Youth Ministry	200.00	200.00
107 Music	50.00	50.00
108 Speakers Honorarium	200.00	200.00
	1,300.00	1,300.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary	7,900.00	8,500.00
202 Social Security	1,070.00	1,070.00
203 Utilities and Housing	3,400.00	3,400.00
	12,370.00	12,970.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 D.O.M. Expense Re-imburse.	1,000.00	1,000.00
302 Office Telephone	600.00	600.00
303 Office Supplies	2,950.00	2,950.00
304 Office Utilities	1,000.00	1,000.00
305 Newsletter Postage	500.00	500.00
306 Secretary	2,750.00	2,750.00
	9,050.00	9,050.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy	750.00	1,200.00
402 Resort Ministry	1,000.00	1,000.00
403 Summer Missionary	0	800.00
404 Misc. Mission Fund	900.00	800.00
	2,650.00	3,800.00
500 MISC. EXPENSE		
501Insurance (Equip. & Building)	550.00	600.00
502 Printing of Minutes	500.00	400.00
503 Health Insurance	4,500.00	5,400.00
504 Building Maintenance	800.00	800.00
505 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00
506 Convention Expense	400.00	400.00

BUDGET CONTINUED:

507 Christmas Gift.....	300.00	300.00
508 Treasurer.....	250.00	250.00
509 Clerk.....	250.00	250.00
510 Property Taxes.....	200.00	200.00
511 Quarterly Tax Reports.....	400.00	400.00
600 BUILDING FUND		
601 Loan Payment.....	5,809.00	4,000.00
TOTALS:	39,529.00	40,270.00

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 1, 1996 - SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

RECEIPTS FROM:	
Churches	32,791.87
Baptist State Convention	5,129.93
Minute Fund	232.00
Transferred from Building Fund	5,604.82
Total Receipts	43,758.62
Cash on Deposit, September 30, 1996	14,701.95
Add Receipts for October 1, 1996-September 25, 1997	43,758.62
Total	58,460.57
*Less Disbursements	-48,965.37
Cash on Hand September 25, 1997	9,495.20

*Includes $13,386.65 payment on building.

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
1997-1998

AARON - Rev. Charles (Rick) Bell

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Mr. Eddie Storey, Mr. Sam Harmon, Mrs. Lois Harmon

BIG MEADOWS - Rev. Harry Lee Turbyfill, Mrs. Patsy Carpenter, Mrs. Opal Woody, Mrs. Lila Vance

CHESTNUT DALE - Rev. Jerry Burleson, Mr. Conley Huffman, Mr. Jerry Turbyfill

CRANBERRY - Rev. David Burnop

CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Mrs. Polly Heafner, Mrs. Marilynne Phillips, Mr. Harry Platt, Mrs. LeNita Platt, Ms. Susie Smith

ELK PARK FIRST - Rev. Clarence Laws, Mr. Elbert McCoury, Mrs. Edith Bolick

FALL CREEK - Rev. Chuck Moorefield, Mr. Troy Crawford, Mr. Charles, Ward, Mr. Mack Parlier, Mr. Charles McGuire

GREEN VALLEY - Rev. Terry Robinson

JONAS RIDGE - Rev. Jude Hughes, Mrs. Tina Hughes

LONG RIDGE - Rev. John McCoury, Mrs. Kathy McCoury, Mr. David Anthony, Mr. Roy Woodie

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PILGRIM - Rev. Donald Gragg

PINEOLA - Rev. Joe Miller, Mr. B. W. McNeely, Mrs. Teena McNeely, Mrs. Francis Vance

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PLEASANT VALLEY - Rev. Rufus Biddix

POWDERMILL - Rev. Harold Dellinger, Mrs. Florence Dellinger

STAMEYTOWN -

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VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strahan, Mr. Joe B. Perry, Mrs. Clara Perry

WHITES MEMORIAL - Rev. Andy Stephens, Mr. Jeffery Vance

MEMORIALS

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BEECH MOUNTAIN - Mr. Richard Nunley

BIG MEADOWS - Mr. Arnold Ingram, Mr. Tom Shook

FALL CREEK - Deacon Herbie Smith, Mr. William L. Mitchell, Mrs. Mattie Jones Smith

GREEN VALLEY -Deacon Kelly Ollis, Mrs. Willie Mae Ollis, Mr. Fred McClellan

JONAS RIDGE - Deacon Charles Freeman, Mrs. Ershler Clark

LONG RIDGE - Deacon Ray Clark

NEWLAND FIRST - Deacon Robert H. Lacey, Mr. O. B. Foster, Mr. Steve Pittman, Mrs. Vanessa Hollifield, Mr. J. T. Tanner, Mr. Charles L. Buchanan

PINEOLA - Mr. Clark J. Vance, Mrs. Mable Johnson, Mrs. Betty Webb

PLEASANT HILL - Mrs. Desta Buchanan, Mrs. Mildred Woody

POWDERMILL - Mrs. Bessie Buchanan, Mr. Alan Crowder, Mrs. Hassie Erwin, Mr. Will McKinney

VALLEY HAVEN - Mrs. Imogene Lawson

WHITES MEMORIAL - Mrs. Hester Wise, Mrs. Marcella Forbes, Mr. Joe Hughes

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1997-1998

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HISTORICAL TABLES

1912 Aaron	W. H. Ollis
1913 Pleasant Hill	S. M. Pittman
1914 Big Meadows	C. C. Bryant
1915 Jonas Ridge	W. H. Ollis
1916 Yellow Mountain	W. H. Ollis
1917 Roaring Creek	D. A. Green
1918 Green Valley	D. A. Green
1919 Crossnore	D. A. Green
1920 Minneapolis	S. M. Pittman
1921 Beech Mountain	R. T. Lewis
1922 Pleasant Hill	R. T. Lewis
1923 Newland	N. S. Hampton
1924 Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton
1925 Chestnut Dale	N. S. Hampton
1926 Green Valley	N. S. Hampton
1927 Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton
1928 Jonas Ridge	N. S. Hampton
1929 Yellow Mountain	N. S. Hampton
1930 Roaring Creek	N. S. Hampton
1931 Aaron	K. L. Haga
1932 Crossnore	K. L. Haga
1933 Powdermill	E. W. Buchanan
1934 Mt. Pleasant	E. W. Buchanan
1935 Beech Mountain	E. W. Buchanan
1936 Pineola	G. D. Danner
1937 Flat Springs	G. D. Danner
1938 Green Valley	V. W. Green
1939 Fall Creek	V. W. Green
1940 Newland	V. W. Green
1941 Yellow Mountain	V. W. Green
1942 Elk Valley	V. W. Green
1943 Belview	R. T. Teague
1944 Elk Park	R. T. Teague
1945 Pleasant Hill & Minneapolis	R. L. Painter
1946 Jonas Ridge & Oak Grove	D. N. Jones
1947 Cranberry	D. N. Jones
1948 Powdermill	V. W. Green
1949 Crossnore & Mt. Pleasant	D. N. Jones

HISTORICAL TABLES (CONT.)

1950 Aaron & Newland	J. W. Costner
1951 Elk Valley & Valley Haven	J. C. Brown
1952 Sugar Mt. & Big Meadows	Mack Hodge
1953 Belview & Minneapolis	Mack Hodge
1954 Fairview & Whites Mem.	Mack Hodge
1955 Flat Springs & Beech Mt.	Mack Hodge
1956 Pleasant Hill & Newland	D. N. Jones
1957 Crossnore & Chestnut Dale	Ira Hodges
1958 Fall Creek & Roaring Creek	Howard Hodges
1959 Elk Park & Cranberry	Howard Hodges
1960 Oak Grove & Stameytown	G. H. Dellinger
1961 Aaron & Jonas Ridge	G. H. Dellinger
1962 Minneapolis & Pleasant Hill	Marion Smith
1963 Beech Mt. & Elk Valley	Marion Smith
1964 Powdermill & Belview	D. N. Jones
1965 Valley Haven & Cranberry	Raymond Turbyfill
1966 Flat Springs & Fall Creek	Raymond Turbyfill
1967 Yellow Mt. & Whites Mem.	Raymond Turbyfill
1968 Pleasant Hill & Big Meadow	Joe Puett
1969 Beech Mt. & Mt. Pleasant	Joe Puett
1970 Crossnore & Minneapolis	Max Holland
1971 Newland & Aaron	Robert Lindley
1972 Belview & Beech Mt.	Robert Lindley
1973 Big Meadws & Chestnut Dle	Lee Pittman
1974 Cranberry & Crossnore	Loyd Ramsey
1975 Elk Park & Elk Valley	Loyd Ramsey
1976 Fall Creek, & Fairview	Roy Lee Barbee
1977 Jonas Ridge & Green Valley	Kenneth Lance
1978 Newland & Oak Grove	Kenneth Lance
1979 Pilgrim & Pineola	Tommy Wagner
1980 Pleasant Hill & Pleasant Vly	Harry Turbyfill
1981 Powdermill & Stameytown	Jack Bryant
1982 Sugar Mt. & Valley Haven	Richard Hollifield
1983 Whites Mem. & Yellow Mt.	Richard Hollifield
1984 Aaron & Beech Mt.	Harold Dellinger
1985 Big Meadow & Chestnut Dl	Bill Jones
1986 Crossnore & Elk Park	Elbert McCoury
1987 Fall Creek & Jonas Ridge	Elbert McCoury

HISTORICAL TABLES (CONT.)

1988 Cranberry & Green Valley	Clarence Laws
1989 Newland First & Oak Grove	Clarence Laws
1990 Pineola & Pleasant Hill	Omar Trivett
1991 Pleasant Val. & Powdermill	Omar Trivett
1992 Stameytown	Max Smith
1993 Sugar Mountain	Max Smith
1994 Valley Haven	Calvin Vance
1995 Whites Memorial	Bill Jones
1996 Aaron	Bill Jones
1997 Beech Mountain	David Banner

BAPTISM INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

3 - Total Baptisms | 3a - Baptisms Under 6 | 3b - Baptisms Age 6-8 | 3c - Baptisms Age 9-11 | 3d - Baptisms Age 12-17 | 3e - Baptisms Age 18-29 | 3f - Baptisms Age 30-59 | 3g - Baptisms 60-Up

CONGREGATION	C/M	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	28	0	1	6	5	7	8	1
ELK PARK FIRST	C	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	9	0	0	2	4	1	1	1
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	8	0	2	2	0	3	1	0
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	6	0	1	0	0	4	1	0
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	7	0	2	1	3	0	1	0
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	Association Total:	**84**	**0**	**13**	**15**	**19**	**18**	**16**	**3**

AVERY

Congregations	C/M	Total Bapt.	Other Adds.	Total Church Memb.	Sunday School Enroll.	Sunday School Avg. Attd.	Vacation Bible School Enroll.	Discipleship Training Enroll./Part. (19+20)	Church Music Enroll.	WMU Enroll.	Brotherhood Enroll./Part.	Total Receipts (26+27+28)	Total Cooperative Program	Total Assn. Missions	Total Mission Expenditures (29thru35)
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	0	1	94	83	55	0	0	24	20	0	$66,924	$4,800	$2,100	$15,088
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	2	0	198	90	50	40	0	41	0	0	$32,681	$675	$1,852	$9,035
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	3	6	70	70	62	58	0	40	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	0	2	50	59	32	35	0	40	18	0	$40,042	$0	$360	$3,110
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	28	14	504	356	210	190	26	130	111	73	$771,561	$44,267	$10,615	$73,562
ELK PARK FIRST	C	3	0	56	28	21	25	10	0	0	0	$6,340	$323	$0	$815
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	1	3	122	147	65	57	0	41	0	0	$54,141	$1,260	$1,680	$17,632
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	9	7	407	175	95	61	69	52	10	15	$225,443	$7,000	$5,025	$19,690
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	2	2	45	21	21	40	0	16	0	0	$27,805	$553	$0	$2,906
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	2	1	210	74	50	50	0	0	28	10	$30,661	$2,147	$802	$7,377
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	3	0	48	53	36	36	0	0	7	6	$18,752	$2,256	$600	$3,119
Minneapolis Baptist	C	8	11	162	88	85	112	12	51	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	6	16	273	127	90	47	110	49	0	0	$127,237	$6,000	$2,100	$15,693
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	2	2	96	55	40	42	0	14	11	7	$42,446	$5,467	$600	$9,549
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	1	0	318	145	72	54	42	56	26	8	$76,485	$0	$3,261	$25,078
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	1	0	92	50	34	60	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$354
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	7	0	223	119	100	47	0	51	8	0	$71,365	$0	$1,100	$1,736
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	4	0	44	52	50	42	28	19	0	0	$13,198	$0	$473	$896
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	1	47	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	$16,200	$856	$856	$1,912
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	2	2	100	47	34	35	0	26	0	0	$25,580	$100	$200	$2,244
Association Total:		**84**	**68**	**3,159**	**1,839**	**1,231**	**1,031**	**297**	**650**	**239**	**119**	**$1,646,861**	**$75,704**	**$31,624**	**$209,796**

MEMBER AND CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

1 - Total Membership
2 - Resident Membership
4 - Other Additions
5 - New Member Training
6 - Year Organized
7 - Year Pastor Came
8 - Location (A-J)
9 - AM Worship Att.
10 - Church-Type Missions Started
11 - Church-Type Missions Operating
12 - Lost/Unchurched
13 - Assoc. Mis. on % Basis
14 - Intercessory Prayer
Racial Ethnic Group (1-7)

CONGREGATION	C/M	COUNTY	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Race
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	AVERY	94	88	1	0	1849	1993	A	85	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	AVERY	198	80	0	0	1869	1996	A	50	0	0	N	N	N	1
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	AVERY	70	60	6	0	1845	1994	A	70	0	0	N	Y	Y	1
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	AVERY	50	48	2	0	1903		A	35	0	0	N	N	N	1
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C		0	0	0	0				0	0	0				1
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	Avery	504	389	14	0	1907	1983	C	330	0	0	Y	Y	Y	7
ELK PARK FIRST	C	AVERY	56	36	0	0	1917	1993	C	25	0	0	Y	N	Y	1
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	AVERY	122	76	3	0	1885	1989	A	65	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	Avery	407	337	7	40	1921	1983	C	200	0	0	Y	N	N	1
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	AVERY	45	0	2	0	1886	1997	A	21	1	0	Y	N	N	1
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	AVERY	210	126	1	0	1887	1996	A	40	0	0	N	Y	N	1
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	Avery	48	45	0	0	1945		A	31	0	0	N	N	N	1
Minneapolis Baptist	C	Avery	162	102	11	0	1887	1996	B	93	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	Avery	273	264	16	10	1900	1988	C	130	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C		0	0	0	0				0	0	0				1
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	Avery	96	75	2	5	1913	1995	A	45	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	AVERY	318	182	0	0	1905	1991	A	65	0	0	N	Y	N	1
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	AVERY	92	0	0	0		1994	A	35	0	0	N	N	N	1
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	AVERY	223	139	0	0	1914	1992	A	100	0	0	N	Y	N	1
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	AVERY	0	0	0	0				0	0	0				1
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	AVERY	44	42	0	4	1950	1997	A	55	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	AVERY	47	37	1	0	1932	1996	A	29	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	AVERY	100	100	2	0	1949	1996	A	30	0	0	Y	N	N	1
		Association Total:	**3,159**	**2,226**	**68**	**59**				**1,534**	**1**	**0**				

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

19 - Total Ongoing Discipleship Training	19c - Ongoing Youth 12-17	20 - Total Short-Term DT	20c - Short-Term Youth
19a - Ongoing Presch. B-5	19d - Ongoing Adult 18-Up	20a - Short-Term Preschool	20d - Short-Term Adults
19b - Ongoing Child. 6-11	19e - DT Gen. Officers	20b - Short-Term Children	DTEN(19+20) - Total DT Enrollment/Participation

CONGREGATION	C/M	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	DTEN
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	26	0	0	5	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	26
ELK PARK FIRST	C	10	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	19	10	9	0	0	0	50	0	0	25	25	69
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	12	0	4	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	84	10	5	20	47	2	26	0	0	0	26	110
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	42	1	4	9	24	4	0	0	0	0	0	42
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	19	4	6	4	2	3	9	0	5	3	1	28
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Association Total:		**212**	**25**	**28**	**44**	**102**	**13**	**85**	**0**	**5**	**28**	**52**	**297**

MISSIONS EDUCATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

23 - Total WMU Enrollment
23a - Mission Friends B-5
23b - Ages 6-11
23c - Ages 12-17
23d - Ages 18-Up
23e - WMU Ldrship Team
24 - Total Brotherhood Enrollment
24a - Ages 6-11
24b - Ages 12-17
24c - Ages 18-Up
24d - Mission Action Groups
25 - Oth. Missions Education

CONGREGATION	C/M	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	20	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	18	0	2	0	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	111	16	10	15	60	10	73	15	8	30	20	0
ELK PARK FIRST	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	10	0	0	0	10	0	15	0	0	15	0	25
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	28	0	8	8	3	4	10	2	1	7	0	0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	7	0	0	0	7	0	6	0	0	6	0	0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	11	0	0	0	11	0	7	0	0	7	0	0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	26	0	6	4	13	3	8	3	5	0	0	0
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Association Total:		**239**	**16**	**26**	**27**	**138**	**19**	**119**	**20**	**14**	**65**	**20**	**27**

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

15 - Total SS Enrollment | 15a - Preschool Birth-5 | 15b - Children 6-11 | 15c - Youth 12-17 | 15d - Adults 18-24 | 15e - Adults 25-34 | 15f - Adults 35-54 | 15g - Adults 55-Up | 15h - General Officers | 15i - Other Bible Study | 16 - SS Avg Weekly Att. | 17 - SS Not Cong. Members | 18 - Vacation Bible School

CONGREGATION	C/M	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	17	18
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	83	0	2	2	0	0	15	60	4	0	55	0	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	90	7	6	10	20	10	24	13	0	0	50	90	40
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	70	6	12	1	2	16	12	21	6	0	62	13	58
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	59	1	1	3	3	6	13	27	5	0	32	4	35
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	356	35	50	45	24	59	78	61	4	0	210	25	190
ELK PARK FIRST	C	28	0	3	4	0	4	5	10	2	0	21	2	25
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	147	14	6	3	17	11	25	26	10	35	65	0	57
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	175	16	18	25	6	27	30	48	5	0	95	0	61
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	21	1	2	2	0	4	7	5	0	0	21	0	40
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	74	8	7	15	0	6	10	28	0	25	50	4	50
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	53	4	2	9	8	9	10	5	6	0	36	0	36
Minneapolis Baptist	C	88	0	12	18	8	0	41	0	9	0	85	9	112
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	127	19	7	22	5	21	31	20	2	0	90	15	47
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	55	3	4	2	3	4	19	20	0	0	40	0	42
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	145	10	14	8	8	10	19	67	9	0	72	1	54
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	60
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	119	9	7	18	0	0	41	24	20	0	100	0	47
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	52	5	7	4	2	6	7	21	0	0	50	5	42
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	3	3	0	0	2	19	2	3	12	29	3	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	47	4	5	4	4	8	6	14	2	0	34	5	35
Association Total:		1,839	145	168	195	110	203	412	472	87	72	1,231	176	1,031

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT

AVERY

Items Reported:

22 - Miss. Proj. Part.
22a - Local Community
22b - State/National
22c - International

CONGREGATION	C/M	22	22a	22b	22c
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	22	20	0	2
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	0	0	0	0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	2	0	1	1
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	27	15	0	12
ELK PARK FIRST	C	0	0	0	0
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	12	12	0	0
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	0	0	0	0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	0	20	0	0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	19	17	2	0
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	3	3	0	0
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	0	0	0	0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	13	13	0	0
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	0	0	0	0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	0	0	0	0
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	0	0	0	0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	3	1	1	1
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	0	0	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	1	0	1	0
	Association Total:	**102**	**101**	**5**	**16**

MISSION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

29 - Cooperative Program
30 - Assoc. Missions
31 - State Missions
32 - Annie Armstrong
33 - Lottie Moon
34 - Other SBC Miss. Exp.
35 - Non-SBC Miss. Exp.
TME(29thru35) - Total Mission Expenditures

CONGREGATION	C/M	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	TME
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	$4,800	$2,100	$0	$920	$1,428	$5,840	$0	$15,088
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	$675	$1,852	$0	$0	$875	$74	$5,559	$9,035
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	$0	$360	$0	$350	$600	$0	$1,800	$3,110
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	$44,267	$10,615	$300	$2,003	$3,162	$2,000	$11,215	$73,562
ELK PARK FIRST	C	$323	$0	$30	$0	$0	$49	$413	$815
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	$1,260	$1,680	$0	$2,375	$2,010	$1,600	$8,707	$17,632
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	$7,000	$5,025	$0	$110	$6,355	$0	$1,200	$19,690
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	$553	$0	$0	$301	$252	$0	$1,800	$2,906
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	$2,147	$802	$0	$110	$3,352	$0	$966	$7,377
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	$2,256	$600	$0	$0	$263	$0	$0	$3,119
Minneapolis Baptist	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	$6,000	$2,100	$500	$500	$1,192	$0	$5,401	$15,693
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	$5,467	$600	$684	$694	$1,904	$200	$0	$9,549
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	$0	$3,261	$741	$3,377	$11,824	$1,570	$4,305	$25,078
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	$0	$0	$192	$61	$100	$0	$0	$354
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	$0	$1,100	$500	$0	$136	$0	$0	$1,736
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	$0	$473	$0	$215	$208	$0	$0	$896
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	$856	$856	$0	$0	$200	$0	$0	$1,912
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	$100	$200	$0	$0	$610	$910	$425	$2,244
Association Total:		**$75,704**	**$31,624**	**$2,947**	**$11,017**	**$34,471**	**$12,243**	**$41,791**	**$209,796**

GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

26 - Undesignated Gifts	28 - Other Receipts	36 - Value - Cong. Property
27 - Designated Gifts	TREC(26+27+28) - Total Receipts	37 - Congregational Debt

CONGREGATION	C/M	26	27	28	TREC	36	37
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	$58,848	$8,076	$0	$66,924	$236,770	$0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	$28,654	$3,359	$668	$32,681	$189,000	$0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	$39,442	$600	$0	$40,042	$276,800	$0
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	$252,273	$133,508	$385,780	$771,561	$2,000,000	$573,000
ELK PARK FIRST	C	$6,251	$40	$49	$6,340	$250,000	$0
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	$47,096	$6,817	$228	$54,141	$0	$0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	$171,368	$54,075	$0	$225,443	$960,000	$27,000
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	$21,469	$6,336	$0	$27,805	$265,000	$0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	$27,078	$3,525	$58	$30,661	$300,000	$0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	$16,260	$2,492	$0	$18,752	$100,000	$0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	$93,435	$33,481	$321	$127,237	$500,000	$22,140
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	$36,446	$6,000	$0	$42,446	$180,000	$0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	$72,903	$3,582	$0	$76,485	$500,000	$0
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	$45,746	$25,619	$0	$71,365	$400	$144,000
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	$2,775	$10,423	$0	$13,198	$210	$0
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	$16,200	$0	$0	$16,200	$350,000	$0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	$21,616	$3,964	$0	$25,580	$100,000	$0
Association Total:		**$957,860**	**$301,897**	**$387,104**	**$1,646,861**	**$6,208,180**	**$766,140**

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

21- Total Music Ministry Enrollment
21a - Preschool 3-5 yrs.
21b - Children 6-11 yrs.
21c - Youth 12-17 yrs.
21d - Adult Choir 18-Up
21e - Other Music Groups

CONGREGATION	C/M	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	24	0	0	0	24	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	41	1	10	10	20	0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	40	3	12	2	23	2
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	40	3	12	2	23	2
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	130	2	20	30	50	28
ELK PARK FIRST	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	41	3	3	2	33	0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	52	0	10	8	34	0
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	16	0	0	0	16	0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	51	0	8	12	22	9
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	49	6	2	3	24	14
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	14	0	0	0	14	0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	56	2	6	8	40	0
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	51	5	3	14	20	9
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	19	0	0	2	12	5
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	26	3	4	4	15	0
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CONSTITUTION
OF THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We the affiliated Southern Baptist Churches of Avery County and one of Burke County, to facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel, to provide a medium of cooperation and recognize our interdependence and our dependence upon our Lord Jesus Christ; but in no case presume to direct or control the cooperative churches in reference to their government of internal policy; do hereby purpose to establish and maintain an Avery Southern Baptist Association in accordance with the following plan.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. It is the purpose of the association to provide an organization for the Southern Baptist Churches affiliated with it.
Section 2. To encourage them to faithfulness in every endeaver which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Section 3. To encourage them in the support of the association, Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptist Convention.
Section 4. To cultivate a friendly and helpful union among the affiliated churches for their mutual benefit; and to engage in cooperative endeavers which the individual churches might be unable to accomplish alone.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of those churches represented by duly elected messengers for the annual meeting and representation elected by the local church to represent in other endeavers, from their membership, affiliated through prayerful and financial support of the body, known as the

Avery Baptist Association - and:

a. Faith and practice of member churches shall harmonize with generally accepted articles of faith of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

b. Maintain affiliation by a letter of report to the annual associational meeting.

c. Financial support is vital to carry on work through the associational body and the ongoing ministries of the churches working together. A suggested goal of three (3) percent of the financial receipts of the cooperating churches is suggested as a minimum contribution.

Section 2. Each church having resident membership of one hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger.

Section 3. The pastors who are members or who are laboring in connection with said church.

Section 4. The duly elected officers of the association.

Section 5. The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

Section 1. The baptist churches, which have petitioned for membership, been examined by the duly designated committee of this body, presented before the association, and by a vote of the association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose of the undertaking of the body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches.

Section 2. The vote of the association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote

ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but not bind them in any way; yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety, and intelligence of the body, it may justly acclaim for itself, for objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Section 2. There shall be a membership, Constitution, By-laws and study

committee consisting of the Director of Missions, Moderator and three (3) others elected annually.
Section 3. This committee shall examine withdrawals of affiliation of any churches to the Avery Southern Baptist Association.
Section 4. Any church desiring membership with the association shall place their request with the above stated committee. The committee will in turn inform the executive committee at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting about the request. The committee shall furnish all information in accordance with Article III on membership requested from the church to the Executive Committee upon their request. When the Executive Committee has taken action on the request of the church, it shall be presented to the association in the annual meeting.
Section 5. Should any church disqualify itself by practice or doctrines contrary to those of the association, as stated in Article III on membership, or fail to represent itself by messenger or letter more than two (2) consecutive sessions without reason, or threats with contempt the objectives and requirements of the association, the association may dissolve connection with such church. This may be done by action taken in the annual meeting, after coming through the above stated committee and Executive Committee.
Section 6. Any issue once presented to the association in regular session, after coming through the related committee and Executive Committee, being voted upon, must have a period of two (2) years of waiting before being presented again.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist their attendance at all sessions of the given associational meeting.
Section 2. It shall be the duty of the church to have their associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing. The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the association fourteen (14) days prior to the time for the annual meeting.
Section 3. It shall be the duty of each church to prayerfully uphold and financially support the association work.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association will be

held annually on the first Friday of the month of October unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the association.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, Music Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed. These officers shall be members of the affiliated Baptist churches and the duly elected various organizations, subject to the approval of the association.

Section 2. Their active term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body, unless herein after or before stated.

Section 3. It is suggested two (2) years of service be encouraged, and even longer would be advantageous to the association work, unless contrary to specifications otherwise stated in this document.

(A) MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to act;

1. In an executive capacity of all meetings according to the principles of a presiding officer.
2. As ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise specified.
3. The term of the moderator shall not exceed two (2) years in succession, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one (1) year.

(B) VICE-MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the moderator to serve as presiding officer. The Vice-Moderator will function in other capacities necessary to association work, if the moderator is unable to perform, or as requested. This includes completion of term, due to resignation.

1. Will serve as chairman of the program committee.

(C) CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and, together with a publishing committee which shall consist of a moderator and two other appointed members of the association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body.

1. Attendance of the Executive Committee meeting is encouraged at all

times, or arrangements for coverage.
(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: Assist the clerk in all tasks; and will function in the absence of the clerk, or at any time the clerk is unable to perform.
(E) TREASURER: As Treasurer, he or she shall keep records of all funds coming into his or her possession, and an account of all disbursements.
1. Give a printed monthly and annual financial report.
2. Provide records for a yearly audit.
3. Serve with the finance committee.
(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall be prepared for and function in the absence of the Treasurer, or any time the latter is unable to perform.
(G) HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the association.
(H) PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall guide the business of the Association, as called upon, through interpretation of the guide-lines set forth and specified in the constitution and/or By-laws. If not specified therein, then in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
Section 4. The various heads of organizations, namely Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Chairman of Evangelism and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed shall preside over the activites of these ministries and promote the working of the same.
Section 5. The Director of Missions shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
(A). The officers of the association.
(B). The pastor of each church, who is a member of, or laboring in connection with, said church and one lay member of the church.
(C) . Two lay members, nominated and elected by the church who does not have a pastor or member to represent them.
(D). The name of the lay members of the Executive Committee, elected by their respective churches, shall be reported to the association in the church letter of report, for the annual meeting. They shall take office in like manner, as other members.
(E). This committee shall meet quarterly as prescribed by the associational

calendar activities.
(F). The Executive Committee shall be authorized to hold special meetings if needed, upon call of the Moderator, or in the Moderator's absence the Vice-Moderator, or the Director of Missions. Notice must be given to each member church and associational executive officers one week in advance for any special meeting.
This committee shall submit full report of its work to the association at each session.
Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding on the association (subject to their approval at the annual session), together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual association budget.
Section 3. The Associational Council shall be composed of the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Missions Committee, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, Stewardship Director, and the Director of Missions, who will serve as chairman of the Associational Council. The duties of the Associational Council are:
1. To promote all work of the association.
2. To prepare a calendar of activities. If any cancellations take place after dates have been approved and placed in the printed calendar, it will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the Program Committee (Vice-Moderator) to see that proper notice has been mailed to the churches.
Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members, including the Treasurer. The five (5) others will be recommended by the nominating committee. No church shall have more than one (1) representative. Two (2) of the five (5) nominated will rotate off at one time and three (3) the next rotation time.
(A) It is recommended the members of the Finance Committee serve at least two (2) years and longer, if approved, not to exceed five (5) years without a lapse of at least one (1) year of service.
(B) This committee will be responsible for preparation and recommendation of an early Associational Budget after contact with chairmen of committees, directors, the Director of Missions and awareness of office needs to perpetuate the Avery Southern Baptist Association work, then presented through associational procedure.

(C) This committee shall assist in other financial needs and, when called upon, function in such matters.

Section 5.

(A) The Nominating Committee will consist of Avery Baptist Associational key leaders, which include the following: Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Mission Committee Chairman, plus three members to be elected at the annual meeting. The Moderator and Director of Missions shall be ex-officio members.

(B) The duties of the committee shall be to elect a chairman and to bring nominations for all the general officers of the Avery Baptist Association; all department heads, standing and rotating committees, representatives of the denominational agencies and institutions, and General Board representative (who serves a four (4) year term unless completing a term due to resignation).

(C) They shall contact all those to be recommended to fill offices before their names are to be presented..

(D) In event that any office becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Executive Committee.

(E) This committee shall have additional members as the need arises.

Section 6. Program Committee shall consist of three (3) members including the Vice-Moderator who shall be chairman. They shall contact all those to be on the program and inform those to give reports. This committee shall be recommended to the Nominating Committee.

Section 7. Trustee Committee shall be composed of three (3) persons. They shall have the responsibility of holding the deeds for associational property, signing any notes, mortgages, or other legal documents pertaining to the property of the association. They shall meet at the call of any need in reference to their job.

Section 8. The Ordination Advisory Committee shall be composed of six (6) members who shall act in an advisory capacity for churches or for ministerial students seeking ordination counseling. The committee shall assist in the ordination of candidates for the ministry only after their call to some specific position in Christian service, and shall refrain from announcing the date for ordination until after the Advisory Committee approval of the candidate.

Section 9. The Properties Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to care for all physical properties of the

association. This includes such items as repair and maintenance, insurance, property improvement, office and other equipment and long range planning for development and the like.

Section 10. The Membership, Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee shall be composed of three (3) Members who are responsible for the examination of the affiliation and/or withdrawal of any church in the Avery Baptist Association. The committee will bring to the association body, through required channels, the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as needs arise.

Section 11. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to examine all financial records and then bring its report to the association.

Section 12. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of two (2) members whose duty it shall be to present to the association such resolutions as they deem in order, or which may be referred to them.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting provided such an alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the morning session and acted upon at the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed, in as far as applicable, in the governing of the Avery Southern Baptist Association, where not otherwise specified by the Constitution or By-Laws.

AMENDMENT I

The Executive Committee shall meet three times yearly instead of Quarterly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

JANUARY 26, 1998

Members of the Executive Committee met for the regularly scheduled meeting at the associational office on Monday, January 26, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Joe Miller, Vice-Moderator. Rev. Jude Hughes read Acts 16;25 for the devotion and led in prayer. There were 14 members present with eight churches represented.

Rev Max Smith, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. It was voted on and approved.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director, gave a report on the needs of flood victims, and suggested a committee be elected to oversee the monies being collected to help those in need. A motion was made by Rev. Andy Stephens, seconded by Rev. Max Smith. Jude Hughes, John McCoury and Joe Miller were elected to serve on this committee.

On a proposal by Rev. Whetstine for a World Missions Conference to be held in this area, a motion was made by Rev. Chuck Moorefield, for the spring of 1999, for five days. This was seconded by Rev. Max Smith, and carried. Rev. Whetstine then discussed the Camp Ground Ministry, asking for volunteers to help with this project. Diana Love was approved for the Summer Missionary position.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Andy Stephens, seconded by Rev. Jude Hughes, and a closing prayer was offered by Rev. Joe Miller.

April 16, 1998

The Executive Committee met at the Association Office, on Thursday, April 16th, at 7:00 pm. Rev. Joe Miller called the meeting to order, and Rev. John McCoury led in a devotion and prayer. Nine churches were represented, with 15 members present.

A reading of minutes of the previous meeting was voted on and approved.

Rev. Max Smith gave the Treasurer's Report, which was voted on and approved.

Under new business, Rev. Whetstine suggested the Association make a payment on the Building Loan, in the amount of $5,000.00. A motion to this effect was made by Rev. Phil Murdock, seconded by Rev. John McCoury, and was carried.

Rev. Whetstine then discussed various mission projects for the summer, which included churches helping with the Mission Trip to Mexico. Also, that May be declared as "Association Emphasis Month" and that a special offering be taken in the churches to help with the Prophets' Chamber project.

He then discussed several projects under the supervision of Diana Love, Summer Missionary, to include church youth helping in camp ground ministries, and the craft fair booth. Also, being planned are Back Yard Bible Clubs for the Elk Park and Lick Log areas.

The annual Senior Adult Rally is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th, at Sugar Mountain Church, and Rev. Fred Lunsford will be guest speaker.

An evangelism training session will be held on a Friday night, in late summer, followed by neighborhood witnessing on Saturday morning, and a celebration banquet that night.

In early Fall, a County-wide Evangelism Conference is being planned, with Rev. C. J. Bordeaux as guest speaker.

A motion to adjourn was made by David Banner, seconded by Rev. Jude Hughes, and Rev. Lander Heafner dismissed with prayer.

July 13, 1998

On Monday, July 13th, at 7:00 pm, the Executive Committee met at the Association Office, with David Banner as Moderator. Rev. Max Smith led in a devotion and prayer. Nine churches were represented, with 15 members present.

A reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, was voted on and approved under a motion by Rev. Jude Hughes, and seconded by Rev. Max Smith. A financial report was presented by Rev. Max Smith, which was voted on and approved.

Rev. Whetstine gave a report on actions taken to help flood victims, along with a Flood Relief Financial Report, this being carried under a motion by Rev. Max Smith. He then gave a report on the mission trip to Mexico, and the ongoing Campground Ministry. Also, the County-wide Evangelism Conference has been scheduled for October 12th-15th, at Crossnore Baptist Church.

With no new business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Jude Hughes, and Rev. Bill Jones dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Hazel Franklin, Assoc. Clerk

87th ANNUAL SESSION
BIG MEADOWS BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1998

The annual meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association was called to order at 9:00 am, by David Banner, Moderator. The congregation was led in the opening hymn, "Heavenly Sunlight", by Karen Magner, accompanied by Doris Aldridge, pianist. Rev. Harry Lee Turbyfill extended the welcome, and led in a devotion, using Mark 2:1-4, for his scripture.

The program was presented for adoption by Rev. Joe Miller, and the motion was voted and passed unanimously. In a roll call of churches by Hazel Franklin, Clerk, it was noted that 16 churches were represented, with 64 messengers in attendance.

A special prayer was led at this time, by Rev. Joe Miller, for the pastor and wife of Yellow Mountain Baptist Church, Rev. & Mrs. John Stafford.

Items under Miscellaneous Business were presented by the Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, as follows:

1. To accept the request of Yellow Mountain Baptist Church into the fellowship of the Association. Motion to do so was made by Rev. Joe Miller, seconded by Rev. Dennis Church, and approved.

2. To change the time of the Annual Assciational Meetings, beginning in 1999, to start at 3:00 pm, with a meal at 6:00 pm, and dismissing at 9:00 pm.This will give pastors and messengers the opportunity to attend without losing time from work. The motion was made by Rev. Dennis Aldridge, seconded by Ray Watson, and carried unanimously.

Karen Magner then led the congregation in another hymn, "When We All Get to Heaven", with pianist Doris Aldridge.

The Mission Message was brought by Rev. Bud Spencer, retired missionary from Okinawa. He titled his message "How Big is Your World?", using scripture from Isaiah 44:9-20, Matt. 13:24 and 38, John 3:16-17, 1 John 4:14, and Luke 10.

The history of Big Meadows Baptist Church was presented at this time, by Lila Vance. A copy of this history follows the recording of these minutes.

Rev. Max Smith presented the Treasurer's Report, in the form of a motion, and this was voted on and approved.

The Budget and Finance Committee Report was given by Rev. Rick Bell, with a motion to adopt the annual budget as presented. This was also voted on and approved.

Susie Smith brought the Nominating Committee Report, alluding to the Associational Officers and Committees for the 1998-1999 year.

A report on Resort Ministries was brought by Bobby Stafford, Director of Associational Development, of the State Baptist Convention, and he gave encouragement to the pastors, and all present with scripture from Eph. 3:9-11.

A Memorials Report, from all the Associational Churches, was read by Hazel Franklin.

Rev. Russell Hoilman, Chaplain of the Blue Ridge Prison Ministry, gave an encouraging report, and brought a young man who gave his testimony and told what this ministry has meant to him.

The Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine gave his report, speaking on Associational growth, opportunities to witness and to help victims of the winter flood, details of the mission trip to Mexico, the involvment in the Avery Arts & Crafts Fair, the Youth Rally, the Senior Adult Rally, and listed future ministry plans. His report was accepted as a motion, voted and approved.

Special music was presented at this time, by Karen Magner, who sang "To God be the Glory".

The Challenge Message was brought by Dr. Raymond Whitfield, from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute using the entire 51st Psalm. He spoke on

"The Wages of Sin is Death" and "Choosing Alternatives to Judgement for Sin".

After this, the congregation was dismissed for lunch, with Rev. Andy Stephens leading in a prayer of thanksgiving.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

The meeting for the afternoon was called to order by Rev. Joe Miller, Moderator, with 43 members present. Karen Magner led in a congregational hymn, "At the Cross".

Using scripture, John 1:29, Rev. Rufus Biddis led in a time of devotion and prayer.

An enthusiastic report on beginning an Associational Children's Bible Drill, was given by Lori Benfield.

A Summer Ministries report was brought by Diana Love, the Association Summer Missionary. She called on those who have talent in the following areas, to consider volunteering in this ministry: 1- To help in various Camp-ground programs; 2 - To make Fried Apple Pies (and other goodies) to sell at different fairs, to help defray Ministry expenses; and 3 - To help with the Youth Mission Trip.

After reading scripture from Micah 6, Rev. Dennis Aldridge presented a Home Missions Report, referring to some of his experiences.

This was followed by another congregational hymn, "I Know Whom I Have Believed", led by Karen Magner. After which, the following State Reports were given:

1. Barry Jones, Religion Professor of Mars Hill College, gave the Baptist Colleges Reports.
2. The Caraway Conference Center's report was given by Charles Harris, Director.
3. Rev. Johnny Henderson brought an encouraging report from Christian Action League.

In calling for Miscellaneous Business for the afternoon, the Moderator read the following from the Resolutions Committee:

"Let it be resolved that the Avery Baptist Association expresses its' thanks and appreciation to the Big Meadows Baptist Church for their hospitality and delicious food. We also express our thanks to God for the wonderful Christian fellowship and excellent reports and speakers we have heard today."

The Election of Officers, as listed in the Book of Reports, was voted on at this time, with a motion from Rev. Max Smith to ask the three members of the Nominating Committee, who were elected from the floor last year, to serve in that capacity for another year. The motion was approved unanimously.

The congregation was then led in another hymn, "Sunshine In My Soul", followed by a special solo by Becky Sizemore.

The Annual Sermon was delivered by Rev. Jerry Burleson, using scripture from Genesis and Acts, and ending on an admonishing note from II Chron. 7:14 - *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray..."*

A motion to adjourn was made, and the meeting closed in prayer.

HISTORY OF BIG MEADOWS BAPTIST CHURCH

Big Meadows Baptist Church, founded in 1845, has been for many Christians, "A city set on a hill", providing light and inspiration over a period of many years. In fact, it has withstood seven wars. It is the oldest Baptist church in the Association.

The old church book from the beginning was lost. The records we now have begin with the year 1929. In a book entitled "Baptists Look Back", by James Oliver Young, it stated that Stephen Buchanan was pastor in 1891. The church held a revival and 9 were baptised, 9 restored and 5 joined by letter.

In 1892, Samuel Carpenter and LeLander Pyatte were delegates to the Association. At that time Avery County was part of Mitchell County. In 1868, Stephen Buchanan came to Big Meadows Church as a young minister.

Big Meadows Baptist Church now in the Avery Association, appeared in the minutes for 1858 in the Roan Mountain Association, but there is no record of its admission to Association, which was perhaps a clerical error.

Army Corportage was recommended, but was fought with difficulties because of divided loyalties between the North and South in the Civil War. Corportage was a fund to buy Bibles for soldiers which reflected in the resolution of the 1863 session at Big Meadows Church in the North Eastern part of Mitchell County. This is the first record of an association being held

at Big Meadows Church.

The church records we now have started in 1929. Like most early churches, Big Meadows met in homes. The first church building remembered by older people stood about where Dewey Calloway's store building stands today. It was used for a church and school building in those days. Revivals were held at 10:00 am, and school was dismissed so all the children could stay for the meeting.

The next church was a log building which stood about where the road goes up into the cemetary today. Next, the building was a T-shaped building facing the cemetary. The present church was started about 1948. Before 1929 we were told that Pinkey Shell, Tommy Reed, A. Puttman, Emye Isaccs, Lee Jones and a Huffman were pastors. In 1912, a Rev. Holland held a revival, also Elias Stamey often preached.

The following is a record of the pastors in the books we now have:

1929 Noah Hampton	1930 Charley New	1932 V.W. Greene
1935 J. C. Brown	1938 T. J. McGuire	1939 David Sullins
1940 Spencer McCloud	1946 Roby Painter	1951 Ted Braswell
1955 Charlie Woody	1967 Howard Pittman	1970 James Beaver
1982 Chesley Glenn	1985 David Johnson	1987 Jim Turbyfill
1985 Edward Capps	1989 Marty Branton	1994 Harry Turbyfill

The records we have of deacons at that time are:
J. L. Pyatte, H. J. Pyatte, A. C. Calloway, Lawrence Carpenter, Newman Carpenter, O. J. Benfield, Homer Calloway, Harlon Carpenter, Lambert Benfield, Doyle Benfield, Frank Benfield, Roger Singleton, Lacy Prather, Herbert Vance, Jr., Jim Woodie, Donnie Benfield and Marshall Pritchard.

The deed for the land for the churches and cemetary was dated August 13, 1919. It is believed the first church on the hill was built before June 30, 1894. Cordillia Carpenter, an infant, was the grave in the cemetary and she died June 30, 1984. J. D. Wright and wife Lonnie, deeded more land to the church to enlarge the cemetary on August 3, 1957. Dewey and Elsie Calloway allowed for more expansion of the cemetary September 15, 1980. Since Dewey's death Elsie has deeded more land to the church.

The greatest revival that a record could be found started December 27,1933. The revival lasted 15 days and had 62 conversions, 42 additions to the church, 4 by letter, 2 restored, 36 baptised and 10 more waiting to be baptised. November 29, 1927, the church had 24 members. A church covenant had been written up and most members refused to sign it, making membership so low. In 1931, the average pay for 3 sermons was $1.50, for Saturday evening, Saturday night, and Sunday morning, preaching only one

weekend each month. The total offering for January 1936 was $72.51. In August, 1939, there were not church services in the county because of Polio Quarantine.

Big Meadows Baptist Church has had many problems, but Jesus said in Matthew 16:16, 17, 18 "*and Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto Him, Blessed art thou Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto Thee, that Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*".

People have left Big Meadows Church and started other churches. Romans 8:28 says: "*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.*"

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

Treasures Old and New

In concluding a series of parables related to the wise use of God's gifts, Jesus ended with these words, "Every scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man that is a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old". Matthew 13:52. During this past year God has enriched Baptist Retirement Homes with special treasures.

Treasures Old

The Treasure of our North Carolina Baptist Family - Our 500 residents plus all the staff who make up the Baptist Retirement Homes part' of the family, say "Thank You" to the rest of our North Carolina Baptist family.

Thank you for giving so generously through the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults enabling Baptist Retirement Homes to lead the way for the state of North Carolina in providing benevolent care for Older Adults. Every dollar that comes through these channels is designated to provide care for the "poor elderly".

The Treasure of our Baptist Volunteers - These volunteers range from a W.M.U. group that provides regular monthly programs plus special activities

such as ice cream socials at the Taylor House in Albemarle, to a friend who spends hours each week giving manicures at The Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton, to a B.S.U. group that provides a weekly program at the Prince Nursing Care Center at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, to a preschool day care class that comes twice a month to visit their "grandfriends" at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville.

Treasures New

Taylor Glen Retirement Community in Concord - For more than a decade Baptist Retirement Homes has been dreaming with North Carolina Baptists of the Cabarrus/Mecklenburg/Rowan/Stanley area about providing quality residental and health care living opportunities and services to Older Adults. Because of the encouragement given by Baptist of the area, and as a result of the philanthropy of Cabarrus County natives, Carrol and Geneva Taylor, this dream will soon be a reality.

Five new Two-Bedroom Apartments at Brookridge - These apartments are nearing completion as an addition to the Main Building at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem. Bringing the total number of independent living apartments to 146.

Residential Units for Memory Impaired - Special units for those Older Adults dealing with dementia related conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease, will be developed at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville and the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem. In Asheville the unit will be created via a significant renovation within the current home. In Winston-Salem new construction will be required.

This report is sent with heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, your deeds of kindness and your gifts enabling us to make life for North Carolina Baptist Older Adults. . . . .The Best of Times!

Respectfully submitted,
William B. Stillerman

W M U REPORT

The annual meeting of the Avery Baptist WMU was held on Monday, May 4, 1998, at Big Meadows Baptist Church, with Rev. Harry Turbyfill extending the welcome, and leading in an opening hymn. Margaret Ollis read the Missionary Prayer Calendar and led in prayer.

Special music was provided by a quartet from Big Meadows Baptist Church, presenting several gospel songs.

Patsy Carpenter gave the Roll Call of Churches, and six churches were represented with 16 members (plus 4 men and 2 guests) present. Patsy then read the minutes of the last annual meeting. The slate of officers for the 1998-99 year was given by LeNita Platt, with Kathy McCoury introduced as the new Director. This was followed by a prayer of dedication by Hazel Franklin.

Everyone enjoyed a delightful and heart-touching report and testimony, by Mrs. Phyllis Foy of Mooresville, NC.

An offering was taken, in the amount of $70.00. The members then voted to send this offering to the Ukraine, to help buy medical supplies, through the State Baptist Men.

Officers elected for 1998-99, are as follows:

WMU Director.....Kathy McCoury
Assistant.....LeNita Platt
Baptist Women Dir. .....Helen Guinn
Assistant.....Jean Houston
Baptist Young Women Dir.....Hazel Franklin
Assistant.....
Acteens Director.....Chris Calloway
Assistant.....Margaret Ollis
GA Director.....Charlene Farrell
Assistant.....
Missions Friends Dir. .....Lila Vance
Assistant.....Patricia Shook
Mission Action Dir. .....Linda Poteat
Personal Witnessing Dir.....Alice McKinney

Enlistment/Enlargmt.....Dolores Bazemore
Mission Study Dir.....Kathy Massee

Place of next Annual Meeting: Crossnore First Baptist Church, on May 3, 1999, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
LeNita Platt

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Her voice steady and quiet, Christy delivers her personal story like a letter dropped into an anonymous mailbox at a shuttered house on a nameless street. Her grandparents' murder had unleashed memories of her own abuse. Family members encouraged her to leave her home and repeatedly told her she was worthless.

"I've had a rough life," she says. "I"ve been through about anything I can possible go through." Christy admits carrying a short fuse and outbursts, physical abuse and a dangerous living situation brought her to Mills Home in November 1997.

She continues her quiet story about coming to Mills Home, about doing well in school and tutoring two residents in Alumni Cottage. She's glad she can help, because "learning comes easy to me, and I want to help someone if I can."

Julie, her first child care worker at Mills Home, became a real friend who "helped me turn my life around," Christy says, her face at last beginning to brighten. "She was there for me when I needed somebody. My parents weren't there. Nobody wanted me. It was fun being around Julie. She showed me she cared about me and that I could be loved."

Julie didn't realize how important her friendship was, or how close Christy came to giving up. Christy admits to two suicide attempts, and believed she would never see age 16.

"I use to dread getting up," she said. "I didn't know if I would get my mouth busted or my arm broke." Even now, there are days Christy doesn't want to get out of bed. But she does, and she goes to school and earns mostly "A"s, and stars on the varsity basketball team, and tutors other residents in math, and went to New York for a summer basketball

tournament and is planning to attend college to study a helping profession.

Now she is planning to live, not planning to die. BCH is giving her opportunities to live for. Christy's story is repeated hundreds of times each year at BCH. Not all are as dramatic but every one tells of a young person and a family at the end of an unraveling rope.

At four residential campuses, two homes for behaviorally troubled girls, a maternity home, a home for teenage mothers and their babies, therapeutic camping and model day care, 1,560 young people found help in troubled times last year.

BAPTIST HOSPITALS

Hospital Celebrates 75 years of service:

In May 1998, the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Incorporated, celebrated 75 years of service to the community and the region. During these years the hospital has been faithful to the vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention when the hospital was birthed, to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ. Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for innovative excellence has remained the same.

Baptist Benevolent Care Fund:

Baptist churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1997 the MDO amounted to $500,747. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or no other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over $200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist Churches in North Carolina. May God bless all those who supported us with prayers and gave so generously.

Division of Pastoral Care:

During the years the chaplains and staff of the Pastoral Care Department provide worship services in Davis Memorial Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for patients and family members. The

Pastoral Care Department staff supervised 64 students during the years and made more than 53,000 ministry contacts.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc., continues to expand its ministries. There are now 13 Christian counseling centers located in strategic areas across the state. During the year these professionally staffed centers will provide over 26,000 hours of counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. Continues to expand its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. Programs and assistance offered to churches include: Consultation, Intentional Interim Ministry, and Leadership Development. Resources for ministers include: Young Leaders Program, Turning Point, Interim Ministry Training, and Intentional Interim Ministry training.

Facts about Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center:

With more than 10,000 employees, four restaurants, two banks and a post office that handles more mail than some towns, the Medical Center has been called a city-within-a-city.

The Medical Center successfully proposed to Forsyth County Commissioners to purchase the county's indigent health care clinic, Reynolds Health Center. The Center also serves as a primary care training facility for our medical students and residents. Construction is expected to begin in the spring on a $5 million, state-of-the-art facility.

Building strong relationships with community hospitals and other academic medical centers was a hallmark of the past year. Hospital and clinical affiliations grew to 22 by December '97.

Points of Emphasis and Progress:

ALS Center - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center has opened a specialized center to provide coordinated care for patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease. The Medical Center's ALS program is the only center in western NC devoted to ALS patients.

Trauma Center - The Medical Center has the designated Level I trauma center for northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient who needs surgery to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

Tops in Research - According to a report in the February 1997 issue of "Applied Clinical Trials", Wake Forest University School of Medicine

ranked in the top 10 US clinical research institutions.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., is among the nation's best hospitals in nine of 17 specialties, according to the July 1998 issue of US News & World Report".

New Heart Valve - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center is one of the first centers in the country to offer a new "natural" valve replacement to patients with diseases of damaged aortic heart valves. The freestyle valve was tested extensively in six centers - including Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center - before being released for general use.

Newest Treatment for Epilepsy - Baptist Hospital offers a new treatment for epilepsy - a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.

Information and Appointments - For more information contact one of our operators (336)716-2011. To make an appointment with a physician, contact Health-On-Call at 1-800-446-2255.

A Closing Word - Seventy-five years ago the North Carolina Baptist State Convention gave us a directive to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. For three-quarters of a century, we have sought to carry out this ministry of healing with compassion and integrity. Those who come here for care expect outcomes unachievable elsewhere. We must constantly rise to meet and exceed this expectation. Every patient and family member has a right to expect from us excellence in health care, delivered with compassion.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

BAPTIST FOUNDATION

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the convention and its institutions and agencies in generating endowment to enhance their permanent financial support. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased individual collective financial support. The Baptist Foundation is committed to assisting individual church members through creative stewardship methods to provide premanent financial undergirding of these ministries.

As of Decenber 31, 1997, the Foundation held $72,432,412 under management. In 1997, $3,473,850 was distributed to Baptist Work and $1,542,473 was distributed to individuals for a total distribution of $5,016,323.

The income distributions for the entire 78-year history of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation totals: $12,475,237 income paid to individuals and $19,533,109 to Baptist churches, institutions, and mission causes for a grand historical total of $32,008,346.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Addison Trice, Jr., Chairman of the Board
Dr. M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

"A democracy can only survive and flourish as a nation of readers," says Daniel J. Boorstin, a Pulitzer Prizewinning historian and former Librarian of Congress.

He is correct! Thomas Jefferson said the purest form of democracy he had ever seen was Baptist churches. We Baptists cherish our soul-liberty, and its corporate corollary–the autonomy of the local church.

But Baptist will never preserve their democratic form of decision making if they are not properly informed. A democracy demands an informed constituency, whether they like the news or not.

The Biblical Recorder tries to tell the whole story with a focus on the many positive things people are doing in their churches and world missions, along with the crucial issues which cannot be concealed and ignored if we honor our heritage from yesterday and fullfill our mission for tomorrow.

There is no way to address these issues without correct and reliable information. The Biblical Recorder was born and continues to serve for that purpose. In the 165 years of state Baptist papers in North Carolina, never was the Recorder more needed than now for people to have the truth.

Because people are reading less than any time in recent history at the very time there is an increased number of publications and periodicals, the Recorder has kept pace with the state-of-the-art in print media, and entered

the world of electronic communications with an attractive and effective Web site. The Web site address is http://www.bibrec.com.

The Recorder Web site was officially launched in September 1997. The number of persons using the Web site has grown substantially. Each month there are 15-18,000 hits from around the world, literally–from Asia, Africa, Europe, South America, the Pacific Rim, even Australia! In the United States, people from several states regularly use the Recorder as their source of dependable Baptist information.

The Biblical Recorder should be in every Baptist home in North Carolina. Your support as a subscriber and reader, coupled with your encouragement to others, will enable the paper to better serve the constituency with accurate and helpful information.

In order to save churches large amounts of money and to increase the readership of the Recorder, Church News Service (CNS) was launched in 1990. This system lets any congregation have their church news incorporated into the Biblical Recorder which saves staff time, postage and printing costs. Usually, for less than what it costs to produce the church newsletter, CNS gives the entire Baptist communication package to each family in the congregation.

The paper deliberately focuses more attention on North Carolina Baptists with news, features and inspirational articles which will encourage individuals and churches in the witness and ministry.

That is why the Recorder was born; that is why it serves today. For more information on how your church can subscribe or use CNS, contact: The Biblical Recorder, 232 West Millbrook Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609, (919)847-2127. E-mail: 70420.663@compuserve.com

BAPTIST COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

The Council on Christian Higher Education was founded by the Convention in 1944. It was established to assist colleges and churches within the Convention. The Council does not exercise any authority over the Baptist colleges. The competent leadership of trustees, administrators, and faculty guide them as they fulfill their missions. It does, however, study and recommend to the General Board in matters related to Baptist colleges and the Baptist State Convention.

Four men have led the Council as Executive Director, Claude Gaddy served as the Council's founding leader. Harold Cole served briefly. Ben Fisher succeeded him. T. Robert Mullinax joined the Council in 1971. Mullinax retired this year from the post he has faithfully guided for 27 years.

The Council and Executive Committee of the General Board invited Wayne C. Wike to become the Council's fifth leader. Wike comes to his post from the pastorate. He has served four North Carolina churches as pastor.

He and his wife, Debbie, are alumni of Gardner-Webb University. In addition, he is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary.

Wike has already served North Carolina Baptists in a number of ways. He served on the Committee on Nominations, and Chaired the General Board Membership Study Committee.

Council members have greatly assisted each one of these leaders through the years. The college presidents, provosts, and chairmen of Boards of Trustees, along with an equal number of General Board members, serve as members of the Council.

The Council is currently involved in strategy planning. It is seeking to prepare for the new millennium. The future holds great promise. The Council and its member colleges want to be prepared for it. The Baptist churches in North Carolina will benefit as a result.

Campbell University - Norman Wiggins, President

Opened January 5, 1887, as Buies Creek Academy.

Chowan College -Stanley G. Lott, President

Founded and opened for students as Chowan Female Institute, October 11, 1848.

Gardner-Webb University - M. Christopher White, President

First chartered as Boiling Spring High School, December 2, 1905.

Became Gardner-Webb University on January 1, 1993.

Mars Hill College - A. Max Lennon, President

First Commencement as French Broad Baptist Institute, July 4, 1856,

Chartered as Mars Hill College, February 16, 1859.

Meredith College - John E. Weems, President

Incorporated as Baptist Female University of NC, February 27, 1891.

Became Meredith College by legislative enactment, January 24, 1911.

Wake Forest University - Thomas K. Hern, President

Opened as Wake Forest Institute, February 3, 1834.

Became Wake Forest University, June 12, 1967.

Wingate University - Jerry E. McGee, President

Authorized as Wingate School of Union Baptist Assoc., 1895. Became Wingate Univ., 1995.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Based in Richmond, Virginia, the International Mission Board (formerly the Foreign Mission Board) of the Southern Baptist Convention sends missionaries to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of people around the world. Currently the mission board has more than 4,000 missionaries assigned to more that 133 countries in almost every part of the world.

About 420 people work at the home office in Richmond, a nearby satellite location, and a missionary learning center in Rockville, Virginia. The board's main objective is presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ and leading individuals to a personal faith in Him. Ministries in Christian leadership training, print and electronic media, and church starting support that goal. But a conviction to minister to the whole person also leads to work in health care and human needs. The board will release more than $6.6 million for hunger and relief work this year.

The International Mission Board is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, which, with more than 15 million members, is the nation's largest non-Catholic Christian denomination. The board maintains the world's largest evangelical career mission force with headquarters in the United States.

The IMB's 1998 budget is slightly more than $210 million, with the largest portion of the funds coming from a single missions offering collected annually at Christmas. Called the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, it provides 47 percent of the board's budget and is used exclusively for overseas budget needs.

The Southern Baptist Convention's unified giving plan, called the Cooperative Program, provides about 36 percent of the budget. The balance of support comes from designated gifts, income from temporary investment of funds and endowment.

Overseas work is handled primarily by career missionaries, though in recent years increasing numbers of volunteers have added greatly to the board's effectiveness in special projects. In 1997, more than 17,200 volunteers have added greatly to the board's effectiveness in special projects.

In 1997, more than 17,200 volunteers spent from a few days to four months working alongside career missionaries.

The IMB's history, and it's connection to Richmond, began with the inception of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. The slavery issue had driven a wedge between Baptists from the North and South. Southerners became convinced they had been shut out of missions when the existing mission society refused to appoint missionaries who were slave owners.

Virginia Baptists called for a convention in Augusta, Georgia, in May 1845. The primary purpose was to explore the option of forming a separate missions society. When the meetings concluded, the Southern Baptist Convention had been born. But missions remained the primary reason for its existence. Both international and domestic mission boards were established, with the international board to be located in Richmond.

On the evening of June 15, 1846, the new International Mission Board held its first missionary commissioning service at Second Baptist Church in Richmond. Since then, more than 12,000 Southern Baptists have felt God leading them to international missions service and have turned their backs on the comforts of home to spread the message of Jesus Christ in other countries.

Missionaries appointed today reflect the growing ethnic and racial diversity of the Southern Baptist Convention. And national Baptist conventions worldwide are now expanding the international missionary force by developing mission boards of their own.

Nearly 87% of the board's income is used to support more than 4,300 missionaries serving in 133 countries. Only 13.5% of the budget is used for stateside administration, promotion, education and fundraising.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

History

Created as an SBC agency in 1997 by combining three former agencies - Brotherhood Commission, Radio and Television Commission, and Home Mission Board.

Assist SBC churches in reaching the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Guam, and American Samoa for Christ, primarily through evangelism and starting churches.

Missionary Force

Partners with 40 Baptist state conventions/fellowships to support almost 5,000 missionaries in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Guam, and Samoa.

Annual budget of more than $90 million from SBC Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

From studios in Fort Worth, NAMB produces five weekly radio programs aired on 2,600 radio stations, and daily and weekly TV programs carried on two networks - ACTS and Family Net - reaching a potential global audience of more than 700 million people.

Other Resources and Ministries

- 2,500 SBC-endorsed chaplains
- 82,000 volunteers, including 2,200 two-year Mission Service Corps volunteers
- Provides resources for missions education
- Coordinates multistate disaster relief response.

Ministry Assignments

- Assist churches by the appointment and support of missionaries in the United States and Canada.
- Assist churches in the ministry of evangelism.
- Assist churches in the establishment of new congregations.
- Assist churches through Christian social ministries.
- Assist churches through the involvement and coordination of their members in volunteer missions throughout the U. S. and Canada.
- Assist churches by involving their members in missions and mission education.
- Assist churches by communicating the gospel throughout the U. S. and Canada through communications technologies.
- Assist churches by strengthening and providing services to associations
- Assist churches in relief ministries to victims of disaster.

The agency will support missionary and local church efforts by giving increased attention to evangelism, church planting, and evangelistic ministries in major cities, on campuses, and among every people and language group in our assigned area. Our efforts will be undergirded with national prayer support and the most technologically advanced media resources available.

ANNUITY BOARD

The Church Annuity Plan is a retirement program designed exclusively for Southern Baptist ministers and church employees. The cooperation and support of your state convention lets you develop a program to meet your individual financial security needs...with unique features you won't find in any other plan!

The Church Annuity Plan lets you choose from a variety of investment choices. The Annuity Board contracts with highly-rated investment managers and carefully monitors their performance.

You tailor contributions to fit your situation. Both you and your church can contribute. The variety of investment choices allows you to adopt an investment strategy you are comfortable with. As circumstances change, you can alter your investment strategy; moving money among the investment strategy; moving money among the investment choices and redirecting your contributions. When you reach retirement, you choose from a broad range of payment options for receiving your benefits.

You may call the Annuity Board through a toll-free number - 1-800-262-0511. You have automated 24-hour access to such information as retirement plan investment descriptions and performances, your retirement plan account balance, the current annuity funding rate and insurance plan descriptions. The value of Annuity Board funds now is calculated daily to account for changes in the stock and fixed-income markets. Daily valuation allows the Annuity Board to offer up-to-date account information, fund performance, and/or net asset value information, faster processing of transfer requests, timely investment of contributions, and transaction processing.

Your Annuity Board Plan is a powerful investment tool, but you have to put it to work.

STATE MISSIONS

Most of the North Carolina Missions Offering supports projects in the 80 associations (covering all 100 counties) across North Carolina. Many North Carolina Missions Offering projects are actually association/state missions programs receiving money and leadership support from both the Baptist State Convention and local associations.

The mission needs in North Carolina are substantial. Did you know that

in North Carolina there are:

- more than 7.3 million residents
- more than 70,000 children with one or more parent in prison
- more than 25,000 prison inmates
- more than 50 different language groups
- nearly 200 children infected with the AIDS virus
- more than 70,000 seasonal farm workers
- more than 4.5 million people affected by recent disasters
- more than 3.6 million unchurched people

Also in North Carolina:

- more than 8.5 million tourists visit our resort areas each year
- language groups are the fastest growing populations
- our state hosts the largest seminary extension program in the Southern Baptist Convention
- 1,500 new church starts are needed to help reach the unchurched

"Little is Much: Make a Difference"

Week of Prayer for North Carolina Missions
September 13-20, 1998
Statewide Goal: $2.2 million
NC Missions Prayer Line: 1-800-395-5102, ext. 800

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

It's that time of year. The time to reflect on the work of the past year and to plan for the work of the coming year. The time to make adjustments. The time to compare our pluses and minuses. We've had plenty of both.

As I begin my sixth year as your Director of Missions, and reflect on the past, I get a real sense of the greatness of God. I continue to stand amazed as I see the Blessings of our Lord revealed in and through the ministries of our association.

Our ministries this year have been many and varied. Our goal is to minister in as many different areas as possible and to reach as many people for Christ as we can. I am very excited about the ministry potential in Avery County. This past year we have seen a number of new ministry opportunities develop. The most exciting is our "Summer Ministries". This

past summer we were given permission to conduct worship and song services in two campgrounds. We also had a booth at the crafts fair and gave away free water, tracts, "Bible story" balloons, and small trinkets with a Christian emphasis. The summer ministries were directed by Diana Love and she was helped by many volunteers from the local churches.

The January flood was probably the biggest news of the past year. Only eternity will reveal the efforts that were put forth, the donations that were made, and the prayers that were prayed for and by the people of Avery and Mitchell Counties. I believe at that time, that more people than ever finally understood what the term "association" really means.

This past April, our association sponsored a mission trip to Mexico. Over twenty people from local churches made this trip and helped conduct Vacation Bible Schools, preached, witnessed and helped do maintenance on two churches. Over forty professions of faith were reported on this trip.

Our joint "Youth Crusade" held last summer with Mitchell County, was also a great success. Approximately 650 young people attended with over 100 decisions made for the Lord. Twenty of these were for salvation. Another crusade is planned for September 19, 1998. We have also planned a "County-Wide Evangelistic Crusade" for October 12-15, 1998. The Evangelist is Rev. C. J. Bourdeaux, pastor of West Monroe Baptist Church.

As you can see this past year has been a busy one. Time and space prevent me from sharing everything in this report, but, this report is the least important part of my ministry. More important than anything else is the assurance that God's will is being done. Pray that this will always be the case.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
1998 - 1999

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AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET
1998-1999

100 KEY LEADERSHIP ORG.	PRESENT	PROPOSED
101 Sunday School	250.00	250.00
102 Baptist Men	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism	200.00	200.00
104 WMU	200.00	200.00
105 VBS	150.00	150.00
106 Youth Ministry	200.00	200.00
107 Music	50.00	50.00
108 Speakers Honorarium	200.00	200.00
	1,300.00	1,300.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary	8,500.00	8,500.00
202 Social Security	1,070.00	1,070.00
203 Utilities and Housing	3,400.00	3,400.00
	12,970.00	12,970.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 D.O.M. Expense Re-imburse.	1,000.00	1,000.00
302 Office Telephone	600.00	600.00
303 Office Supplies	2,950.00	2,950.00
304 Office Utilities	1,000.00	1,000.00
305 Newsletter Postage	500.00	500.00
306 Secretary	2,750.00	3,500.00
	8,800.00	9,550.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy	1,200.00	1,200.00
402 Resort Ministry	1,000.00	1,000.00
403 Summer Missionary	800.00	500.00
404 Misc. Mission Fund	800.00	1,030.00
	3,800.00	3,730.00
500 MISC. EXPENSE		
501 Insurance (Equip. & Building)	600.00	650.00
502 Printing of Minutes	400.00	400.00
503 Health Insurance	5,400.00	5,400.00
504 Building Maintenance	800.00	800.00
505 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00

BUDGET CONTINUED:

506 Convention Expense.....	400.00	400.00
507 Christmas Gift.....	300.00	300.00
508 Treasurer.....	250.00	250.00
509 Clerk.....	250.00	250.00
510 Property Taxes.....	200.00	200.00
511 Quarterly Tax Reports.....	400.00	400.00
	9,200.00	9,250.00
600 BUILDING FUND		
601 Loan Payment.....	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOTALS:	40,070.00	40,800.00

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 25, 1997 - SEPTEMBER 24, 1998

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	33,975.67
Baptist State Convention	6,644.29
Minute Fund	230.50
* Other	4,800.99
Total Receipts	45,651.45

* Includes monies received from churches for Building Loan payments, Prison Ministry, Summer Ministries, and Misc. Offerings.

Cash on Deposit, September 25, 1997	7,439.44
Add Total Receipts for Year (9/25/97 -9/24/98)	45,651.45
Total	53,090.89
Less Disbursements	-49,330.55
Cash on Deposit September 24, 1998	3,760.34

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Balance Due on Building Loan, as of September 24, 1998 ..... $6,355.60

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Flood Relief Account Balance, as of September 24, 1998 ..... $16,257.41

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
1998-1999

AARON - Rev. Charles (Rick) Bell

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Mr. Eddie Storey, Mrs. Judy Parlier

BIG MEADOWS - Rev. Harry Lee Turbyfill, Mrs. Patsy Carpenter, Mrs. Opal Woody, Mrs.Pat Singleton, Mr. Joe Woody

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VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strahan, Mr. Joe B. Perry, Mrs. Clara Perry

WHITES MEMORIAL - Rev. Andy Stephens, Mr. Jeffery Vance, Mrs. Pam Stephens

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BEECH MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Addie McGuire Church

CRANBERRY - Mrs. Nellie McCoury, Mrs Beatrice Thomas

FALL CREEK - Mrs. Lena Hester Parlier, Mr. Luther Bunton

PLEASANT HILL - Mrs. Willie Buchanan

VALLEY HAVEN - Mr. I. J. Gilliam, Mrs. Lillie Gilliam, Mrs. Joni Street

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HISTORICAL TABLES

1912 Aaron	W. H. Ollis
1913 Pleasant Hill	W. H. Ollis
1914 Big Meadows	D. A. Green
1915 Jonas Ridge	D. A. Green
1916 Yellow Mountain	D. A. Green
1917 Roaring Creek	S. M. Pittman
1918 Green Valley	R. T. Lewis
1919 Crossnore	R. T. Lewis
1920 Minneapolis	N. S. Hampton
1921 Beech Mountain	N. S. Hampton
1922 Pleasant Hill	N. S. Hampton
1923 Newland	N. S. Hampton
1924 Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton
1925 Chestnut Dale	N. S. Hampton
1926 Green Valley	N. S. Hampton
1927 Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton
1928 Jonas Ridge	K. L. Haga
1929 Yellow Mountain	K. L. Haga
1930 Roaring Creek	E. W. Buchanan
1931 Aaron	E. W. Buchanan
1932 Crossnore	E. W. Buchanan
1933 Powdermill	G. D. Danner
1934 Mt. Pleasant	G. D. Danner
1935 Beech Mountain	V. W. Green
1936 Pineola	V. W. Green
1937 Flat Springs	V. W. Green
1938 Green Valley	V. W. Green
1939 Fall Creek	V. W. Green
1940 Newland	R. T. Teague
1941 Yellow Mountain	R. T. Teague
1942 Elk Valley	R. L. Painter
1943 Belview	D. N. Jones
1944 Elk Park	D. N. Jones
1945 Pleasant Hill & Minneapolis	V. W. Green
1946 Jonas Ridge & Oak Grove	D. N. Jones
1947 Cranberry	W.H. Ollis
1948 Powdermill	S.M. Pittman
1949 Crossnore & Mt. Pleasant	C.C. Bryant

HISTORICAL TABLES (CONT.)

1950 Aaron & Newland	J. W. Costner
1951 Elk Valley & Valley Haven	J. C. Brown
1952 Sugar Mt. & Big Meadows	Mack Hodge
1953 Belview & Minneapolis	Mack Hodge
1954 Fairview & Whites Mem.	Mack Hodge
1955 Flat Springs & Beech Mt.	Mack Hodge
1956 Pleasant Hill & Newland	D. N. Jones
1957 Crossnore & Chestnut Dale	Ira Hodges
1958 Fall Creek & Roaring Creek	Howard Hodges
1959 Elk Park & Cranberry	Howard Hodges
1960 Oak Grove & Stameytown	G. H. Dellinger
1961 Aaron & Jonas Ridge	G. H. Dellinger
1962 Minneapolis & Pleasant Hill	Marion Smith
1963 Beech Mt. & Elk Valley	Marion Smith
1964 Powdermill & Belview	D. N. Jones
1965 Valley Haven & Cranberry	Raymond Turbyfill
1966 Flat Springs & Fall Creek	Raymond Turbyfill
1967 Yellow Mt. & Whites Mem.	Raymond Turbyfill
1968 Pleasant Hill & Big Meadow	Joe Puett
1969 Beech Mt. & Mt. Pleasant	Joe Puett
1970 Crossnore & Minneapolis	Max Holland
1971 Newland & Aaron	Robert Lindley
1972 Belview & Beech Mt.	Robert Lindley
1973 Big Meadws & Chestnut Dale	Lee Pittman
1974 Cranberry & Crossnore	Loyd Ramsey
1975 Elk Park & Elk Valley	Loyd Ramsey
1976 Fall Creek. & Fairview	Roy Lee Barbee
1977 Jonas Ridge & Green Valley	Kenneth Lance
1978 Newland & Oak Grove	Kenneth Lance
1979 Pilgrim & Pineola	Tommy Wagner
1980 Pleasant Hill & Pleasant Vly	Harry Turbyfill
1981 Powdermill & Stameytown	Jack Bryant
1982 Sugar Mt. & Valley Haven	Richard Hollifield
1983 Whites Mem. & Yellow Mt.	Richard Hollifield
1984 Aaron & Beech Mt.	Harold Dellinger
1985 Big Meadow & Chestnut Dale	Bill Jones
1986 Crossnore & Elk Park	Elbert McCoury
1987 Fall Creek & Jonas Ridge	Elbert McCoury

HISTORICAL TABLES (CONT.)

1988 Cranberry & Green Valley	Clarence Laws
1989 Newland First & Oak Grove	Clarence Laws
1990 Pineola & Pleasant Hill	Omar Trivett
1991 Pleasant Val. & Powdermill	Omar Trivett
1992 Stameytown	Max Smith
1993 Sugar Mountain	Max Smith
1994 Valley Haven	Calvin Vance
1995 Whites Memorial	Bill Jones
1996 Aaron	Bill Jones
1997 Beech Mountain	David Banner
1998 Big Meadows	Joe Miller

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Congregations	C/M	Total Bapt.	Other Adds.	Total Church Memb.	Sunday School Enroll.	Sunday School Avg. Attd.	Vacation Bible School Enroll.	Discipleship Training Enroll./Part. (19+20)	Church Music Enroll.	WMU Enroll.	Brotherhood Enroll./Part.	Total Receipts (26+27+28)	Total Cooperative Program	Total Assn. Missions	Total Mission Expenditures (29thru35)
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	0	1	92	80	55	0	0	24	20	0	$74,882	$4,800	$2,100	$17,391
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	6	1	206	82	48	40	0	32	0	0	$30,944	$990	$2,460	$9,675
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	8	2	70	52	52	49	0	40	12	0	$40,680	$360	$400	$3,910
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	0	2	50	41	29	35	0	0	0	0	$12,649	$500	$500	$3,500
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	6	0	120	69	55	64	0	0	0	0	$6,306	$0	$0	$388
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	3	18	525	374	223	120	13	122	94	40	$337,301	$51,956	$13,064	$89,142
ELK PARK FIRST	C	2	1	59	34	21	20	16	0	0	0	$10,976	$399	$0	$795
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	2	3	122	107	74	50	0	34	16	0	$53,007	$1,260	$600	$15,739
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	14	14	435	195	110	58	184	68	16	24	$255,208	$3,200	$3,200	$22,678
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	0	0	40	40	20	25	0	12	0	0	$32,736	$0	$0	$4,364
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	0	0	207	87	45	42	0	0	19	12	$0	$0	$0	$0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	3	0	50	34	25	33	0	0	4	5	$24,861	$1,606	$600	$2,739
Minneapolis Baptist	C	8	19	110	84	74	125	0	71	0	0	$0	$0	$545	$10,511
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	5	7	276	126	78	65	94	44	0	0	$129,517	$6,000	$2,100	$22,197
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	9	2	100	45	45	48	0	15	12	4	$39,640	$4,410	$650	$8,281
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	5	1	319	104	68	54	42	48	26	9	$83,340	$0	$2,298	$23,850
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	17	1	50	185	50	60	0	0	0	0	$0	$0	$0	$0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	0	0	222	118	100	78	0	51	25	0	$70,469	$0	$1,200	$2,004
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	2	0	47	38	25	10	13	0	5	6	$950	$1,037	$518	$2,829
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	0	6	64	56	32	38	37	14	0	0	$22,306	$0	$0	$1,000
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	1	24	27	16	0	13	16	0	0	$0	$0	$700	$1,900
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	2	4	102	41	33	36	0	21	0	0	$56,355	$142	$505	$2,875
Association Total:		92	83	3,290	2,019	1,278	1,050	412	612	249	100	$1,282,127	$76,660	$31,440	$245,768

BAPTISM INFORMATION

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Items Reported:

3 - Total Baptisms 3b - Baptisms Age 6-8 3d - Baptisms Age 12-17 3f - Baptisms Age 30-59
3a - Baptisms Under 6 3c - Baptisms Age 9-11 3e - Baptisms Age 18-29 3g - Baptisms 60-Up

CONGREGATION	C/M	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	6	0	0	2	3	1	0	0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	8	0	2	3	2	0	1	0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	6	0	1	0	3	2	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
ELK PARK FIRST	C	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	14	1	2	3	2	0	3	3
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	8	0	1	2	5	0	0	0
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	5	0	4	0	0	1	0	0
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	9	0	0	3	4	2	0	0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	5	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	17	0	1	1	9	4	2	0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Association Total:		**92**	**1**	**14**	**16**	**31**	**16**	**11**	**3**

MEMBER AND CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

1 - Total Membership
2 - Resident Membership
4 - Other Additions
5 - New Member Training
6 - Year Organized
7 - Year Pastor Came
8 - Location (A-J)
9 - AM Worship Att.
10 - Church-Type Missions Started
11 - Church-Type Missions Operating
12 - Lost/Unchurched
13 - Assoc. Mis. on % Basis
14 - Intercessory Prayer
Racial Ethnic Group (1-7)

CONGREGATION	C/M	COUNTY	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Rs
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	AVERY	92	88	1	0	1849	1993	B	85	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	AVERY	206	117	1	0	1869	1996	A	48	0	0	N	N	N	1
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	AVERY	70	65	2	0	1845		A	0	0	0	N	Y	Y	1
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	AVERY	50	48	2	0	1903		A	26	0	0	N	N	N	1
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	Avery	120	65	0	0	1907	1997	B	50	0	0				1
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	Avery	525	366	18	0	1907	1983	C	330	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
ELK PARK FIRST	C	AVERY	59	39	1	0	1917	1993	C	26	0	0	Y	N	Y	1
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	AVERY	122	74	3	0	1885	1989	A	74	0	2	Y	Y	Y	1
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	Avery	435	363	14	4	1921	1983	C	220	1	1	Y	Y	Y	1
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	AVERY	40	40	0	0	1897	1996	A	30	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	BURKE	207	123	0	0	1887		A	48	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	Avery	50	24	0	0	1945	1994	A	23	0	0	N	Y	N	1
Minneapolis Baptist	C	Avery	110	110	19	8	1887	1996	A	116	0	0	N	N	Y	1
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C		276	269	7	12	1900		C	130	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C		0	0	0	0				0	0	0				1
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	Avery	100	75	2	0	1912	1995	B	54	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	AVERY	319	183	1	0	1905	1991	A	49	0	0	N	Y	N	1
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	AVERY	50	0	1	0	1893	1998	A	0	0	0	N	N	N	1
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	AVERY	222	138	0	0	1914	1992	A	100	0	0	Y	Y	N	1
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	AVERY	47	47	0	0	1948	1998	A	30	0	0				1
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	Avery	64	56	6	0	1950	1997	A	36	0	0	N	Y	Y	1
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	AVERY	24	18	1	0	1948	1996	B	22	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	AVERY	102	102	4	0	1949	1995	A	35	0	0	Y	N	Y	1
		Association Total:	3,290	2,410	83	24				1,532	1	3				

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

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Items Reported:

19 - Total Ongoing Discipleship Training	19c - Ongoing Youth 12-17	20 - Total Short-Term DT	20c - Short-Term Youth
19a - Ongoing Presch. B-5	19d - Ongoing Adult 18-Up	20a - Short-Term Preschool	20d - Short-Term Adults - Gen. Officers
19b - Ongoing Child. 6-11	19e - DT Gen. Officers	20b - Short-Term Children	DTEN(19+20) - Total DT Enrollment/Participation

CONGREGATION	C/M	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	DTEN
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	13	0	0	0	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
ELK PARK FIRST	C	16	0	0	0	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	16
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	85	10	15	30	30	0	99	10	25	36	28	184
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	65	10	7	8	39	1	29	0	0	0	29	94
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	42	1	2	5	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	42
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	13	1	3	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	32	2	12	2	10	6	5	0	5	0	0	37
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	13	0	1	0	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	13
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Association Total:		279	24	40	45	154	16	133	10	30	36	57	412

MISSIONS EDUCATION

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Items Reported:

23 - Total WMU Enrollment | 23a - Ages Birth-5 | 23b - Ages 6-11 | 23c - Ages 12-17 | 23d - Ages 18-Up | 23e - WMU Ldrship Team | 24 - Total Brotherhood Enrollment | 24a - Ages 6-11 | 24b - Ages 12-17 | 24c - Ages 18-Up | 24d - Mission Action Groups | 25 - Oth. Missions Education

CONGREGATION	C/M	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	20	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	94	10	10	11	55	8	40	8	10	22	0	0
ELK PARK FIRST	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	16	0	0	0	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	16	0	0	15	0	1	24	0	0	24	0	0
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	19	0	7	6	2	4	12	1	3	8	0	0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	4	0	0	0	4	0	5	0	0	5	0	0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	12	0	0	0	10	2	4	0	0	0	4	0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	26	0	6	4	13	3	9	3	3	3	0	0
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	25	2	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Association Total:		**249**	**12**	**33**	**49**	**128**	**22**	**100**	**12**	**16**	**62**	**4**	**0**

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

15 - Total SS Enrollment | 15a - Preschool Birth-5 | 15b - Children 6-11 | 15c - Youth 12-17 | 15d - Adults 18-24 | 15e - Adults 25-34 | 15f Adults 35-54 | 15g - Adults 55-Up | 15h - General Officers | 15I - Other Bible Study | 16 - SS Avg Weekly Att. | 17 - SS Not Cong. Members | 18 - Vacation Bible School

CONGREGATION	C/M	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15I	16	17	18
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	80	0	1	0	0	0	15	60	4	0	55	0	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	82	5	7	10	15	7	6	12	5	15	48	4	40
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	52	7	13	6	1	4	4	17	0	0	52	4	49
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	41	2	2	2	3	2	13	17	0	0	29	4	35
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	69	15	5	12	3	4	15	15	0	0	55	5	64
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	374	22	39	48	25	47	94	95	4	0	223	29	120
ELK PARK FIRST	C	34	1	2	4	2	6	3	14	2	0	21	5	20
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	107	11	10	5	2	14	17	15	13	20	74	5	50
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	195	20	28	30	12	24	38	40	3	0	110	0	58
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	40	1	2	0	2	3	27	5	0	0	20	3	25
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	87	2	10	12	0	4	8	25	2	24	45	30	42
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	34	3	4	4	2	6	8	3	4	0	25	0	33
Minneapolis Baptist	C	84	9	6	26	6	12	8	15	2	0	74	0	125
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	126	22	9	15	12	19	28	19	2	0	78	10	65
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	45	2	4	8	3	4	4	20	0	0	45	0	48
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	104	8	13	7	10	8	17	32	9	0	68	4	54
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	185	5	8	8	6	68	80	10	0	0	50	0	60
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	118	6	10	18	0	0	40	24	20	0	100	0	78
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	38	5	3	5	0	10	3	9	3	0	25	0	10
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	56	2	12	2	0	7	8	25	0	0	32	0	38
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	27	0	2	0	2	3	12	3	5	0	16	2	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	41	5	3	4	1	8	4	12	4	0	33	3	36
Association Total:		**2,019**	**153**	**193**	**226**	**107**	**260**	**452**	**487**	**82**	**59**	**1,278**	**108**	**1,050**

GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

26 - Undesignated Gifts	28 - Other Receipts	36 - Value - Cong. Property
27 - Designated Gifts	TREC(26+27+28) - Total Receipts	37 - Congregational Debt

CONGREGATION	C/M	26	27	28	TREC	36	37
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	$66,022	$8,860	$0	$74,882	$236,700	$0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	$27,500	$2,873	$571	$30,944	$179,000	$0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	$40,000	$680	$0	$40,680	$2,000	$0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	$12,649	$0	$0	$12,649	$134,600	$0
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	$5,100	$1,206	$0	$6,306	$23,000	$0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	$261,283	$72,445	$3,573	$337,301	$2,000,000	$555,785
ELK PARK FIRST	C	$8,556	$2,389	$31	$10,976	$250,000	$0
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	$43,980	$8,827	$200	$53,007	$0	$0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	$200,000	$55,208	$0	$255,208	$1,000	$30,000
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	$22,375	$10,361	$0	$32,736	$256,000	$0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	$22,923	$1,938	$0	$24,861	$0	$0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	$93,223	$35,788	$506	$129,517	$500,000	$0
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	$38,140	$1,500	$0	$39,640	$160,000	$0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	$76,658	$6,682	$0	$83,340	$500,000	$0
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	$42,358	$28,111	$0	$70,469	$565,000	$142,869
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	$0	$950	$0	$950	$0	$0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	$16,576	$5,730	$0	$22,306	$0	$0
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$150,000	$0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	$20,877	$35,478	$0	$56,355	$100,000	$0
Association Total:		**$998,220**	**$279,026**	**$4,881**	**$1,282,127**	**$5,057,300**	**$728,654**

MISSION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

29 - Cooperative Program
30 - Assoc. Missions
31 - State Missions
32 - Annie Armstrong
33 - Lottie Moon
34 - Other SBC Miss. Exp.
35 - Non-SBC Miss. Exp.
TME(29thru35) - Total Mission Expenditures

CONGREGATION	C/M	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	TME
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	$4,800	$2,100	$0	$335	$1,900	$8,256	$0	$17,391
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	$990	$2,460	$300	$0	$1,400	$74	$4,451	$9,675
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	$360	$400	$0	$425	$325	$600	$1,800	$3,910
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	$500	$500	$500	$0	$500	$0	$1,500	$3,500
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$388	$0	$0	$388
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	$51,956	$13,064	$4,297	$2,520	$5,469	$2,411	$9,425	$89,142
ELK PARK FIRST	C	$399	$0	$0	$0	$90	$75	$231	$795
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	$1,260	$600	$488	$1,819	$2,650	$2,835	$6,087	$15,739
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	$3,200	$3,200	$600	$904	$4,124	$6,800	$3,850	$22,678
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	$0	$0	$0	$150	$0	$0	$4,214	$4,364
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	$1,606	$600	$200	$0	$150	$183	$0	$2,739
Minneapolis Baptist	C	$0	$545	$0	$0	$0	$746	$9,220	$10,511
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	$6,000	$2,100	$500	$1,500	$2,000	$0	$10,097	$22,197
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	$4,410	$650	$523	$350	$2,348	$0	$0	$8,281
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	$0	$2,298	$766	$527	$2,640	$14,555	$3,064	$23,850
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	$0	$1,200	$450	$0	$354	$0	$0	$2,004
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	$1,037	$518	$515	$194	$565	$0	$0	$2,829
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,000	$0	$0	$1,000
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	$0	$700	$700	$250	$250	$0	$0	$1,900
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	$142	$505	$0	$0	$640	$640	$948	$2,875
	Association Total:	**$76,660**	**$31,440**	**$9,839**	**$8,974**	**$26,793**	**$37,175**	**$54,887**	**$245,768**

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

AVERY

Items Reported:

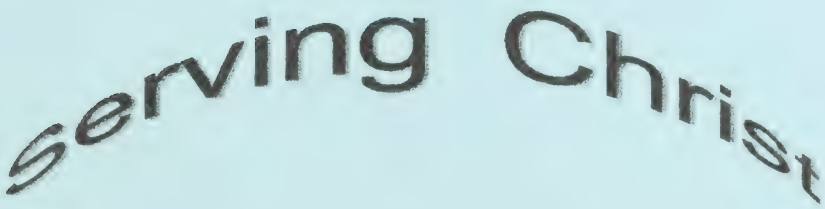
21- Total Music Ministry Enrollment
21a - Preschool 3-5 yrs.
21b - Children 6-11 yrs.
21c - Youth 12-17 yrs.
21d - Adult Choir 18-Up
21e - Other Music Groups

CONGREGATION	C/M	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
AARON BAPT CH, MONTE	C	24	0	0	0	24	0
BEECH MOUNTAIN, ELK	C	32	3	4	7	18	0
BIG MEADOWS, NEWLAND	C	40	1	12	7	20	0
CHESTNUT DALE, NEWLA	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
CRANBERRY, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROSSNORE FIRST	C	122	0	12	30	50	30
ELK PARK FIRST	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
FALL CREEK, ELK PARK	C	34	2	1	1	30	0
FBC, NEWLAND,	C	68	0	15	13	40	0
GREEN VALLEY, SPRUCE	C	12	0	0	0	12	0
JONAS RIDGE, NEWLAND	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
LONG RIDGE BAPTIST C	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis Baptist	C	71	4	10	20	25	12
OAK GROVE BAPT CH	C	44	3	7	4	21	9
PILGRIM, ELK PARK	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
PINEOLA MISS BAPT	C	15	0	0	0	15	0
PLEASANT HILL BAPT	C	48	0	8	5	35	0
PLEASANT VALLEY BAPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
POWDERMILL BAPT, NEW	C	51	2	6	14	20	9
STAMEY TOWN MISS BPT	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUGAR MT BAPT CH	C	14	0	0	0	8	6
VALLEY HAVEN, BANNER	C	16	0	2	0	14	0
WHITES MEMORIAL, NEW	C	21	2	2	4	8	5
Association Total:		612	17	79	105	340	71

1999 ANNUAL

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

88th Annual Session



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AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

AVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH:
CHESTNUT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 1, 1999

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH
CRANBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH
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CONSTITUTION
OF THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We the affiliated Southern Baptist Churches of Avery County and one of Burke County, to facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel, to provide a medium of cooperation and recognize our interdependence and our dependence upon our Lord Jesus Christ; but in no case presume to direct or control the cooperative churches in reference to their government of internal policy; do hereby purpose to establish and maintain an Avery Southern Baptist Association in accordance with the following plan.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. It is the purpose of the association to provide an organization for the Southern Baptist Churches affiliated with it.
Section 2. To encourage them to faithfulness in every endeaver which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Section 3. To encourage them in the support of the association, Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptist Convention.
Section 4. To cultivate a friendly and helpful union among the affiliated churches for their mutual benefit; and to engage in cooperative endeavers which the individual churches might be unable to accomplish alone.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of those churches represented by duly elected messengers for the annual meeting and representation elected by the local church to represent in other endeavers, from their membership, affiliated through prayerful and financial support of the body, known as the

Avery Baptist Association - and:

a. Faith and practice of member churches shall harmonize with generally accepted articles of faith of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

b. Maintain affiliation by a letter of report to the annual associational meeting.

c. Financial support is vital to carry on work through the associational body and the ongoing ministries of the churches working together. A suggested goal of three (3) percent of the financial receipts of the cooperating churches is suggested as a minimum contribution.

Section 2. Each church having resident membership of one hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger.

Section 3. The pastors who are members or who are laboring in connection with said church.

Section 4. The duly elected officers of the association.

Section 5. The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

Section 1. The baptist churches, which have petitioned for membership, been examined by the duly designated committee of this body, presented before the association, and by a vote of the association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose of the undertaking of the body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches.

Section 2. The vote of the association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote

ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1 The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but not bind them in any way; yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety, and intelligence of the body, it may justly acclaim for itself, for objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Section 2. There shall be a membership, Constitution, By-laws and study

committee consisting of the Director of Missions, Moderator and three (3) others elected annually.
Section 3. This committee shall examine withdrawals of affiliation of any churches to the Avery Southern Baptist Association.
Section 4. Any church desiring membership with the association shall place their request with the above stated committee. The committee will in turn inform the executive committee at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting about the request. The committee shall furnish all information in accordance with Article III on membership requested from the church to the Executive Committee upon their request. When the Executive Committee has taken action on the request of the church, it shall be presented to the association in the annual meeting.
Section 5. Should any church disqualify itself by practice or doctrines contrary to those of the association, as stated in Article III on membership, or fail to represent itself by messenger or letter more than two (2) consecutive sessions without reason, or threats with contempt the objectives and requirements of the association, the association may dissolve connection with such church. This may be done by action taken in the annual meeting, after coming through the above stated committee and Executive Committee.
Section 6. Any issue once presented to the association in regular session, after coming through the related committee and Executive Committee, being voted upon, must have a period of two (2) years of waiting before being presented again.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist their attendance at all sessions of the given associational meeting.
Section 2. It shall be the duty of the church to have their associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing. The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the association fourteen (14) days prior to the time for the annual meeting.
Section 3. It shall be the duty of each church to prayerfully uphold and financially support the association work.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association will be

held annually on the first Friday of the month of October unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the association.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, Music Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed. These officers shall be members of the affiliated Baptist churches and the duly elected various organizations, subject to the approval of the association.

Section 2. Their active term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body, unless herein after or before stated.

Section 3. It is suggested two (2) years of service be encouraged, and even longer would be advantageous to the association work, unless contrary to specifications otherwise stated in this document.

(A) MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to act;

1. In an executive capacity of all meetings according to the principles of a presiding officer.
2. As ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise specified.
3. The term of the moderator shall not exceed two (2) years in succession, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one (1) year.

(B) VICE-MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the moderator to serve as presiding officer. The Vice-Moderator will function in other capacities necessary to association work, if the moderator is unable to perform, or as requested. This includes completion of term, due to resignation.

1. Will serve as chairman of the program committee.

(C) CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and, together with a publishing committee which shall consist of a moderator and two other appointed members of the association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body.

1. Attendance of the Executive Committee meeting is encouraged at all

times, or arrangements for coverage.
(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: Assist the clerk in all tasks; and will function in the absence of the clerk, or at any time the clerk is unable to perform.
(E) TREASURER: As Treasurer, he or she shall keep records of all funds coming into his or her possession, and an account of all disbursements.
1. Give a printed monthly and annual financial report.
2. Provide records for a yearly audit.
3. Serve with the finance committee.
(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall be prepared for and function in the absence of the Treasurer, or any time the latter is unable to perform.
(G) HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the association.
(H) PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall guide the business of the Association, as called upon, through interpretation of the guide-lines set forth and specified in the constitution and/or By-laws. If not specified therein, then in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.
Section 4. The various heads of organizations, namely Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Chairman of Evangelism and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed shall preside over the activites of these ministries and promote the working of the same.
Section 5. The Director of Missions shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
(A). The officers of the association.
(B). The pastor of each church, who is a member of, or laboring in connection with, said church and one lay member of the church.
(C). Two lay members, nominated and elected by the church who does not have a pastor or member to represent them.
(D). The name of the lay members of the Executive Committee, elected by their respective churches, shall be reported to the association in the church letter of report, for the annual meeting. They shall take office in like manner, as other members.
(E). This committee shall meet quarterly as prescribed by the associational

calendar activities.
(F). The Executive Committee shall be authorized to hold special meetings if needed, upon call of the Moderator, or in the Moderator's absence the Vice-Moderator, or the Director of Missions. Notice must be given to each member church and associational executive officers one week in advance for any special meeting.
This committee shall submit full report of its work to the association at each session.
Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding on the association (subject to their approval at the annual session), together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual association budget.
Section 3. The Associational Council shall be composed of the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Missions Committee, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, Stewardship Director, and the Director of Missions, who will serve as chairman of the Associational Council. The duties of the Associational Council are:
1. To promote all work of the association.
2. To prepare a calendar of activities. If any cancellations take place after dates have been approved and placed in the printed calendar, it will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the Program Committee (Vice-Moderator) to see that proper notice has been mailed to the churches.
Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members, including the Treasurer. The five (5) others will be recommended by the nominating committee. No church shall have more than one (1) representative. Two (2) of the five (5) nominated will rotate off at one time and three (3) the next rotation time.
(A) It is recommended the members of the Finance Committee serve at least two (2) years and longer, if approved, not to exceed five (5) years without a lapse of at least one (1) year of service.
(B) This committee will be responsible for preparation and recommendation of an early Associational Budget after contact with chairmen of committees, directors, the Director of Missions and awareness of office needs to perpetuate the Avery Southern Baptist Association work, then presented through associational procedure.

(C) This committee shall assist in other financial needs and, when called upon, function in such matters.

Section 5.

(A) The Nominating Committee will consist of Avery Baptist Associational key leaders, which include the following: Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Mission Committee Chairman, plus three members to be elected at the annual meeting. The Moderator and Director of Missions shall be ex-officio members.

(B) The duties of the committee shall be to elect a chairman and to bring nominations for all the general officers of the Avery Baptist Association; all department heads, standing and rotating committees, representatives of the denominational agencies and institutions, and General Board representative (who serves a four (4) year term unless completing a term due to resignation).

(C) They shall contact all those to be recommended to fill offices before their names are to be presented..

(D) In event that any office becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Executive Committee.

(E) This committee shall have additional members as the need arises.

Section 6. Program Committee shall consist of three (3) members including the Vice-Moderator who shall be chairman. They shall contact all those to be on the program and inform those to give reports. This committee shall be recommended to the Nominating Committee.

Section 7. Trustee Committee shall be composed of three (3) persons. They shall have the responsibility of holding the deeds for associational property, signing any notes, mortgages, or other legal documents pertaining to the property of the association. They shall meet at the call of any need in reference to their job.

Section 8. The Ordination Advisory Committee shall be composed of six (6) members who shall act in an advisory capacity for churches or for ministerial students seeking ordination counseling. The committee shall assist in the ordination of candidates for the ministry only after their call to some specific position in Christian service, and shall refrain from announcing the date for ordination until after the Advisory Committee approval of the candidate.

Section 9. The Properties Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to care for all physical properties of the

association. This includes such items as repair and maintenance, insurance, property improvement, office and other equipment and long range planning for development and the like.

Section 10. The Membership, Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee shall be composed of three (3) Members who are responsible for the examination of the affiliation and/or withdrawal of any church in the Avery Baptist Association. The committee will bring to the association body, through required channels, the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as needs arise.

Section 11. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to examine all financial records and then bring its report to the association.

Section 12. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of two (2) members whose duty it shall be to present to the association such resolutions as they deem in order, or which may be referred to them.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting provided such an alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the morning session and acted upon at the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed, in as far as applicable, in the governing of the Avery Southern Baptist Association, where not otherwise specified by the Constitution or By-Laws.

AMENDMENT I

The Executive Committee shall meet three times yearly instead of Quarterly.

Executive Committee Reports

January 14, 1999

The regular scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee, was called to order this date at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held in the Associational office, with Rev. Joe Miller, Moderator, who opened reading the 14th verse of Philippians 3. A time of devotion and prayer was led by Rev. Garry Sparks using scripture from I John 3. There were 8 churches represented with 15 members present.

Minutes of the last meeting was read, and were accepted by the body as read. The financial report was given by Rev. Max Smith, Treas., which was accepted as given.

In general discussion, the members were asked to think about the moneys in the Flood Relief account, and give ideas where to use it. Also, it was suggested that the churches try to pay off the balance of the loan on the Associational building, in the near future. The Director of Missions mentioned trying to hold a Lay Revival, to be held in the future, and if agreed upon, Morris Trammel's name was suggested to head the committee.

A time of special prayer was held for Rev. John Stafford and Family, in their current time of deep concern.

Under new business, Rev. Whetstine asked for permission to purchase a Fax machine for the office, with "on line"?.

Rev. Dennis Aldridge suggested having a Ministerial Education Day on February 21st, to be directed by Gardner Webb College.

Rev. Whetstine stated that a World Missions Conference is in the making; and also announced the new SBC partnership with Alaska.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Dennis Church, and Rev. Whetstine closed in prayer.

April 12, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Joe Miller. In a time of devotion, he read from I Chronicles 4:9 & 10, and led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting was read by Hazel Franklin, Clerk, and approved as read. In a roll call of churches, nine churches were represented, and 16 members present. It was announced that the Annual WMU Meeting was scheduled for May 3rd, with Crossnore First Baptist being the host church. The Treasurer's Report was then given by Rev. Max Smith, Treasurer, and was approved as presented.

No Old Business was noted. Under New Business, Rev. Whetstine, asked for permission to purchase a new folding machine for the Association office. Motion was made for this purchase by Rev. Andy Stephens, and passed unanimously. He then discussed plans the Youth Committee was making for a Youth mission trip in June. This would be for the Homeless Shelter, "Street-Reach", at Mytrle Beach, S.C. The cost per person would be $295.00, and would cover all expenses. The next item mentioned was the Associational Barbecue Fundraiser, scheduled for May 21st and 22nd.
This will be at the Association office, where "take-out" plates will be prepared and sold. Proceeds from this effort will go toward paying off the building mortgage.

Other items discussed were, the National Day of Prayer, to be hosted this year at Oak Grove Baptist Church, on Thursday, May 6th, at 12:00 noon. The Senior Adult Rally is scheduled for May 18th, at Pineola Baptist Church. Progress is being made for proposed Back Yard Bible schools and ministries. Also, preaching missions in mobile home and camping parks are being planned.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Max Smith, and seconded by Rev. David Burnop, with Rev. Smith closing in prayer.

July 15, 1999

The regular scheduled Executive Committee meeting was called to order with Rev. Joe Miller as Moderator. Rev. Andy Stephens opened with a devotion, reading Acts 16:4-10, followed by prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and approved as read. A roll call of churches showed seven churches represented, and 18 members present. In the absence of the Treasurer, Rev. Daniel Whetstine presented the Treasurer's Report, which was approved as

presented. A suggestion was made for each church to give at least $25.00 more each quarter, if possible.

Rev. Whetstive reported that the Barbeque Fundraiser was successful, and that the building has been paid in full. He also stated the Youth Beach Ministries were a great success.

Under new business, Rev. Whetstine suggested that the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee be held in another place, possibly the churches. Bob Daniels made a motion, with a second by _____?_____ Clark, that these meetings be held at the Associational churches, on a volunteer basis, beginning with the January 2000 meeting. This was voted on and approved. At this time, Pineola Baptist Church volunteered to host the Executive Committee meeting for January 2000, Whites Memorial volunteered their church for the April 2000 meeting, and Fall Creek volunteered their church for the July 2000 meeting.

Rev. Whetstine then suggested the Association purchase a lawn mower, and to purchase or build a utility building to house the mower and other maintenance items. This was also unanimously approved under a motion by Bob Daniels, and seconded by Rev. Andy Stephens.

Rev. Whetstine stated that volunteers are needed for the summer Campground Ministries, i.e., preaching, singing, etc. Also, the Baptist State Convention has asked the associations to supply volunteers in each age group - adult, youth and pre-school - each year, for Sunday School training in September, at Carraway. The Committee was reminded of the Annual Meeting coming up on Friday, October 1st, and the new time voted on at the last Annual Meeting. Which is, the meeting will start at 3:00 pm, with supper at 6:00 pm, and resume the meeting from 7:00 until 9:00 pm.

Under general discussion, all churches were encouraged to send their pastors and delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, in June. A discussion on Revival in October, followed.

A motion to adjourn was made by David Banner, seconded by Rev. Chuck Moorefield, and Roy Woodie dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel Franklin, Assoc. Clerk

Baptist Retirement Homes

"Lord . . . you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me
in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance."

- Psalm 15:5-6

Because of your generosity, Psalm 15 can be the testimony of over 500 elderly saints who reside at the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. Their lot is secure. They live in pleasant places. They have a delightful inheritance.

". . . *You have made my lot secure"*

Through Cooperative Program gifts and special offerings, Baptist Retirement Homes is providing $1.7 million in benevolent care for the elderly poor of North Carolina during 1999.

Additional benevolent funding will provide care at The Gardens at Taylor Glen, a new continuing care retirement community being built in the Concord/Cabarrus County area.

For the growing numbers of individuals and families facing life-changing decisions about care for their aging loved ones, Baptist Elder Care Network offers cost-free information from knowledgeable and caring resource counselors. Regardless of the aging-related issues families face, our statewide system of counselors can provide answers that are reliable and reassuring.

". . . *The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places."*

In June, the Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville was completed. This new area is designed to meet the needs of the many older adults who experience memory-relate conditions, such as Alzheimer's Disease. At the Fowler unit, residents whose perception of reality may change noticeably from day to day find stability in a "home-like" environment. They function more confidently amid the familiarity of a traditionally furnished living room, kitchen, dining room, and bedroom, and they

sense peace and serenity as they wander among the flowers, fountains and walking trails of the garden area.

Similar facilities will soon be available at Baptist retirement Homes' Brookridge Community in Winston-Salem and at the Gardens at Taylor Glen Community in Concord.

"*. . . Surely I have a delightful inheritance.*"

Being part of the Baptist Retirement Homes Family and resting comfortably in its care is a wonderful inheritance. Thank you for helping us make life for our elderly . . . The Best of Times!

Bill Stillerman, President
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

Baptist Children's Homes

"40 Years of Quality Service Through Quality Relationships"

Baptist Children's Homes of NC, Inc. is having our 40th Annual Area Conference on September 9th on the Broyhill campus in Clyde, NC. We are celebrating 40 years of Quality Service in the western area through the Quality Relationships that we have established over the years with our church families. Staff and residents are preparing to host YOU with a traditional barbecue feast and celebration of the ministry to children and families in Western North Carolina.

We will begin at 4:00 PM with cottage tours, special music and a barbecue supper from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM and a brief program featuring Hugh Starnes, the first Director of the western area, the children in care, and Dr. Michael C. Blackwell, President of Baptist Children's Homes of NC, Inc. Please join us as we look back to the beginning of the vision to minister to children and families and the realization of that vision through the past 40 years. Together we will celebrate the Quality Service and the Quality Relationships that have been vital to this ministry of helping hurting children ... healing broken families.

For further information call 828-627-9254

Reginald E. Gilmore, M.A,Director
Western Area Family Services

Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 1998, the Foundation provided assistance to individuals in establishing 28 endowment funds and 11 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.4 million, and received $3.8 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 94 churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardwhip, and church fund management. Some $639,000 from churches came under management to enhance numerous church ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, and income fund and a fixed income fund. During the third quarter of 1998, the Foundation enhanced its position even more by engaging the

services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers in the country.

As of December 31, 1998, the Foundation held $80,874,628 under management. This is an increase of more than $8 million over 1997. During 1998, $1,741,923 was distributed to individuals and $2,772,599 to Baptist work for a total distribution of $4,514,522. During the 79-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $14,217,160 has been distributed to individuals and $22,305,008 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $36,522,168.

Robert Howard, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

Baptist Hospitals

In May 1999, the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., celebrated 76 years of service to the community and the region. During these years the Hospital has been faithful to the vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. When the Hospital was birthed, the Convention stated the reason for doing so was: *to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ.* Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for excellence has remained the same.

Baptist churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of N. C. in 1924. In 1998 the MDO amounted to $530,874. It was used exclusively to help patients who had little or no health care insurance or no other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over $200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist churches in North Carolina. May God bless all those who supported us with prayers and gave so generously.

During the year, the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided worship services in Davis Chapel on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, as well as services in the J. Paul

Sticht Center. Chaplain supervisors, residents and interns made more than 50,000 ministry contacts last year. Seventy-five students graduated from the Department's fully accredited Clinical Pastoral Education program. Maurice Briggs retired from the Department in February after 30 years of service. He was known throughout the Hospital for his pastoral presence and the depth of his sensitivity and care.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling/CareNet,Inc. Continues to expand its ministries. There are now 13 Christian counseling centers located in strategic areas from Franklin to Wilmington. During the year these professionally staffed centers will provide over 26,000 hours of Christian counseling.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to expand its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. Programs and assistance offered to churches include: Consultation, Intentional Interim Ministry, and Leadership Development. Resources for ministers include: Young Leaders Program, Leadership Development Group, Interim Ministry Training, and Intentional Interim Ministry training.

Facts About Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

With more than 11,000 employees, four restaurants, two banks and a post office that handles more mail than some towns, the Medical Center has been called a city-within-a-city. We are the largest employer in Forsyth and Guilford counties.

The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., has opened *BestHealth*, a community health information center, at Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem. The center will provide a library of books, audio and videotapes, limited Internet access, computer software and a variety of on-site programs to help area residents become better informed about their health and how to remain well.

Building strong relationships with the community is important to us. A recent survey indicates that Medical Center employees donate more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service a year to more than 300 different organizations in our area.

Points of Emphasis and Progress

Gamma Knife - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. will have the only one in the state by this fall. Patients with inoperable or inaccessible brain lesions benefit from the availability of this noninvasive procedure that gives the same results as surgery but with no need to open the skull or make an incision. This procedure has been found to be three times more effective in treating recurrent cancerous brain tumors than other radiosurgical tools. The Gamma Knife uses radiation to destroy tumors, vascular malformations and other benign brain lesions with pinpoint accuracy without destroying healthy, normal tissue.

Trauma Center - The Medical Center has the only designated Level I trauma center for northwest North Carolina. In the trauma center our goal is for the patient who needs surgery to be in an operating room 10 minutes after arriving at the Emergency Department. Surgeons, anesthesiologists and staff remain on duty 24 hours a day to handle such emergencies.

NASCAR - The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., is working with Motor Racing Outreach (MRO) to serve the fitness and rehabilitation needs of NASCAR Winston Cup Racing. A mobile fitness and rehabilitation unit is being provided for NASCAR Winston Cup Racing drivers, crews and families.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best - The N.C. Baptist Hospitals, Inc., is among the nation's best hospitals in ten of 16 specialties, according to rankings published in the July 1999 issue of *U.S. News & World Report.* These 10 areas are: cancer, cardiology and heart surgery, geriatrics, gynecology, neurology/neurosurgery, orthopaedics, otolaryngology, rheumatology, digestive tract, and urology.

Newest Treatment for Epilepsy - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers a new treatment for epilepsy - a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.

For more information and to make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255.

A Closing Word from the President

From the beginning in 1923, the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., has dared to reach and grasp that which others thought was impossible. For many years we have been thought of as a referral hospital where we received the most severe medical cases. Over the years we have become one of the leading research centers in the Southeastern United States. Each role compliments the other. It is a great challenge to innovatively treat these extremely difficult cases and heartwarming to see our compassionate physicians and staff assist in the
healing process. People have learned through the years to expect from us the very best in health care. We are committed to make sure that their highest expectations are always met or exceeded.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

Christian Higher Education

"N.C. Baptists have been involved in Christian higher education literally since the day the Baptist State Convention (BSC) was born," wrote Dr. Jim Royston, Executive Director-Treasurer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dr. Royston is correct. North Carolina Baptists have placed priority upon Christian higher education through the years. As a result, a large number of our pastors, staff ministers, and lay-leaders have been educated by one of our Baptists institutions, helping our churches develop as places where the Gospel is treasured and Christ is honored.

Maintaining close ties to our churches and associations is important to our institutions. This is one of the primary missions of the Council on Christian Higher Education. Founded in a944, the Council seeks to foster good communications between our churches, associations, and institutions of higher education.

Divinity schools and centers for congregational growth serve as positive demonstrations of our institutions' desire to enhance the life

in our churches and associations. Current and future leaders are being trained through these facilities.

According to the Executive Director of the Council on Christian Higher Education, Dr. Wayne D. Wike, "North Carolina Baptists are fortunate to have administrators and faculty members who are committed to enriching the life of our Convention."

Gifts to the Cooperative Program assist in helping our institutions fulfill their missions. Members from cooperating churches are eligible, as a result, to be considered for scholarships to attend one of our colleges or universities. In addition, North Carolina Baptists who meet the admission requirements for the divinity schools at Campbell and Gardner-Webb Universities are eligible to receive $8,100 grants toward their theological education. Students who choose to attend another divinity school are eligible to receive $3,000 toward their educational expenses. All of these are made possible as a result of gifts presented to the Cooperative Program of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

As Dr. Royston wrote, "Baptist colleges are still a priority of our State Convention. It is my hope and dream that more and more students from our churches will attend our schools, and graduate as leaders for our state and nation, as well as for our churches." Our colleges and universities share Dr. Royston's hope and dream. They, too, believe graduates from our campuses will make a difference in our state, nation, and Convention.

Biblical Recorder

The Biblical Recorder is the official news journal of North Carolina Baptists. The earliest version of the Recorder was founded in 1833 by Thomas Meredith, who had also been influential in the birth of the Baptist State Convention in 1830. The Biblical Recorder was owned and operated as a private enterprise in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchases by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention.

A number of able editors have served the Biblical Recorder, which is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers. The current editor is Tony W. Cartledge, whose tenure began on January 1, 1999.

The Biblical Recorder plays a strategic role in promoting God's Kingdom work through North Carolina Baptists. On April 22, 1999, the Board of Directors of the Biblical Recorder adopted the following mission statement: "Our Mission is to further Christ's Kingdom by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources to North Carolina Baptists in a timely and accessible fashion."

The Biblical Recorder belongs to all North Carolina Baptists, and appropriately reflects the geographical, ecclesiological, and theological diversity that is typical of the churches making up the Baptist State Convention. The editors and staff of the Recorder work diligently to offer a fair and balanced presentation of the news that most affects the life and ministry of North Carolina Baptists. Opinions advanced through editorials, letters, and analytical essays help to spark the thinking of North Carolina Baptists who want to make up their own minds about important issues. Feature stories about notable or innovative activities of churches and associations, regular reports on partnership missions efforts and weekly commentaries on the most popular Sunday School lessons offer ideas, encouragement, and inspiration to readers of the Recorder.

To communicate more effectively and to present the most important news in a more timely fashion, the Biblical Recorder has developed a popular presence on the World Wide Web. The Recorder's website at http://www.biblicalrecorder.org offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's content several days before printed versions arrive. This is particularly helpful during convention meetings and at other times when frequent updates are desirable. As time and resources allow, additional features will be added to make the website an even more valuable source of information for North Carolina Baptists.

The Biblical Recorder works in partnership with the Baptist State Convention, and receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts as an agency of the Convention. This support makes it possible

to offer the Recorder at very affordable subscription rates.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony W. Cartledge, Editor/President
Jeff Roberts, Chair, Board of Directors

International Mission Board

God has called His people to proclaim His name among all peoples. This is our task. In 1998, Southern Baptist excelled in the challenge to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Unprecedented numbers of Christians responded to God's call to serve through the International Mission Board as career missionaries, to offer two years for missions service, to participate in global volunteer projects and to support missions through sacrificial giving.

By the end of 1998, 4,570 missionaries were under appointment through the International Mission Board, serving among people groups in 127 countries.

In 1998, a record 885 Southern Baptists, appointed or commissioned through the International Mission Board, joined God to take His gospel to people groups around the world.

> 338 people were newly appointed or approved for long-term missionary service.

>547 people committed to serve two-year terms either as International Service Corps representatives or through the Journeyman Program.

Added to this new missionary force in 1998 were a record 20,140 short-term volunteers. This includes 171 people who served terms of four months up to two years in the International Service Corps program, and 732 college and seminary students who served through the Students On Mission program.

The 1998 Volunteers in Missions included at least 1,032 youth, 841 medical professionals and 322 sports coaches and players.

God is working in unprecedented ways through Southern Baptists

and Baptist partners overseas with whom IMB missionaries are affiliated. Last year 348,635 baptisms were reported and 4,251 churches were started on mission fields around the world. The total membership of overseas Baptist churches exceeded 4.4 million in 1998.

Missionaries look to the International Mission Board for their full support. The International Mission Board's total budget was $210 million for the past year.

To contact the International Mission Board, call 1-800-866-3621. Their website is www.imb.org.

Christian Action League of North Carolina

It is a joy for the Christian Action League of North Carolina to serve the churches of this great state. We continue to work to inform the Christian community about the moral issues that face our state and nation. Our goal is to address these issues with the principles of God's Word, the cornerstone of all truth.

Christian Values: It was the pleasure of the Christian Action League to be one of the sponsors of the Fourth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. The League encouraged schools, churches and communities to recognize, commemorate and learn about the Christian heritage and history of our nation.
CAL assisted in sponsoring a state-wide essay contest for high school students (public, private and home schools) and presented state winners with awards for excellence.

We continued to promote Christian citizenship throughout the churches and communities of our state. CAL has distributed over 14,000 copies of the Ten Commandments to churches, businesses, schools and homes across North Carolina. Promoted Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and the National Day of Prayer statewide.

We held a Church Leadership Legislative Day on April 6, 1999. The purpose of this day was to have pastors and church leaders to

come together and enjoy fellowship, meet and hear some of our legislators and become more aware of how state government and the legislative process works.

We promoted awareness of worldwide persecution of Christians through faxes, emails and newsletters.

Gambling: Lottery proponents continue in their efforts to bring a state-sponsored lottery to North Carolina. Four lottery bills were introduced this session. CAL monitors these efforts and updates the Christian community on lottery information through letters, calls and our fax and electronic mail networks. Lawmakers have continued to receive a barrage of communications from across the state saying that the lottery is a bad bet for North Carolina.

Sex Education: We worked with other Christian and pro-family groups to see that the state mandate for Abstinence Until Marriage education is implemented state-wide. Also, supported efforts to insure that federal grant money designated to promote abstinence education was used properly. Informed citizens and legislators concerning attempts to fund school-based clinics in North Carolina schools.

Abortion: Christian Action League monitored SB349/HB 1066 (Act to Ban Partial Birth Abortion), this legislation would have made this type of abortion a class H felony for anyone who performed the late-term procedure. This bill died in committee. Successfully encouraged legislators to limit the State Abortion Fund to cases resulting only from rape, incest and the life of the mother. In the last four years, only one abortion has occurred under these circumstances using tax-payer funds.

Alcohol: CAL monitored all legislation concerning alcohol and other drugs. Successfully supported efforts to strengthen DWI laws. Assisted communities on organizing committees to fight alcohol and drug use. Informed citizens statewide about legislation that would have approved alcohol sales without the vote of the people. Four bills

were introduced this session that would have permitted alcohol sales without a voter referendum; SB 17, SB 173, SB 606, SB 607 and HB 1043. Provided awareness, education and resource materials related to substance abuse problems to churches, communities, etc.

Pornography: Worked against HB 1248 which would have allowed individuals to perform in the nude if it "occurs as part of a play, dance, performance or artistic creation that contains serious literary, artistic political or scientific value." The bill died in committee.

Homosexuality: CAL supports efforts to strengthen the traditional family and continues to monitor and inform the public about the activities of those who promote the radical homosexual agenda. HB 884 and SB's 701, 884 and 759 were all introduced to promote the acceptance of homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle, CAL with other like-minded organizations fought these bills and they were defeated. Worked against HB 1398 (Needle Exchange Program) which would have allowed the state to furnish free needles to drug users using tax-payer dollars.

For a Better North Carolina,
Joe S. Lennon, President
Rev. Johnny R. Henderson, Executive Director

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start new Testament congregations, and minister to persons in the name of Christ, and to assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions.

Because we know that God is at work in the world to bring people into relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the opportunity to hear the gospel, respond with faith in Christ,

and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers.

Therefore, we will work in cooperative partnerships to provide innovative strategies, excellent resources, creative leadership, and focused response to ministry needs, opportunities and initiatives which effectively mobilize Christians and local churches to be on mission with God in reaching their communities with the gospel and establishing effective congregations.

Our missionary force of 5,000 jointly-supported missionaries will continue to be vital to the front line of hands-on ministry. NAMB calls on Southern Baptists to renew and strengthen their support of our missionaries by praying for them, serving alongside them as missions volunteers, and giving sacrificially to the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

State Missions

The state missions offering is North Carolina Baptists' way of supporting hands-on ministry in our state and wherever in the world it is needed. Here are just a few examples of the many ways we reach out to demonstrate the power of God's love.

Homes swept away, trees stripped bare, mud where fertile fields once lay...this was the aftermath of the hurricanes that rampaged across the Caribbean and Central America last year. Parts of North Carolina didn't look much different when floods and tornadoes struck our state. Equipped by the support through this offering, the hands of North Carolina's Baptists went to work, serving meals, shoveling mud, and laying block for new homes.

The loud crash of prison cell doors closing is a familiar sound to those imprisoned for varied acts of violence. North Carolina Baptists, through the state missions work, are reaching out to inmates and their families by leading Bible studies, conducting conflict resolution classes and supporting the MATCH program which teaches parenting skills to prisoners and provides "bonding" time with their children. Baptist-sponsored summer camps for prisoners' children teach them how to make good choices and sometimes hear for the first time that Jesus

loves them.

Starting over in a strange country with a strange language - that's a challenge faced by more and more immigrants arriving here in North Carolina. In 1998, Baptist congregations in our state reached out their hands to their new neighbors. With State Missions, they established 30 new language ministries, from Bible studies to entire new churches with 30 more new works scheduled to be planted in 1999.

Most of the North Carolina Missions Offering supports projects in the 80associations (covering all 100 counties) across North Carolina. Many North Carolina Missions Offering projects are actually association/state missions programs receiving money and leadership support from both the Baptist State Convention and local associations.

Our state missions includes: Prison ministries Disaster relief, Migrant ministries, Leisure ministries, Special needs ministries, Associational ministries, Medical-Dental van, Clothes Closets/Food Pantries, Child Advocacy, Deaf Missions, Medical Aviation, Hope Builders, Agriculture Missions, Sports Evangelism, Ministry to Missionaries, New Church Starts, and Christian Women's Job Corp. The North Carolina Missions Offering also supports NC Woman's Missionary, NC Baptist Men (Brotherhood) and many of the Missions Division's vital ministries.

Our State Missions offering and our State Missions work provides North Carolina Baptist with many opportunities to receive the blessings that come with serving as the....Hands of God.

Annuity Board

Our mission is to serve Southern Baptists by providing retirement, relief, insurance and investment to meet the needs of active and retired Southern Baptist church and denominational employees, missionaries,

churches and organizations. We also solicit, receive and administer funds for ministers or their widows in need.

You may call the Annuity Board through a toll-free number - 1-800-262-0511. You have automated 24-hour access to such information as retirement plan investment descriptions and performances, your retirement plan account balance, investment descriptions and performances, your retirement plan account balance, the current annuity funding rate and insurance plan descriptions. The value of Annuity Board funds now is calculated daily to account for changes in the stock and fixed-income markets. Daily valuation allows the Annuity Board to offer up-to-date account information, fund performance and/or net asset value information, faster processing of transfer requests, timely investment of contributions, and transaction processing.

The Annuity Board works with your state Baptist convention to provide your individual financial security needs.

Cooperative Program

The Convention will soon be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program, a unified plan of giving adopted by Southern Baptists in 1925.

What is the Cooperative Program? Southern Baptist have defined the Cooperative Program as... "a financial channel of cooperation between the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention which makes it possible for all persons making undesignated gifts through their church to support the missionary, education, and benevolent work in their state convention, and also the work of the Southern Baptist Convention." One man once said, "The Cooperative Program is the glue which holds Southern Baptists together and enables them to stick to the Great Commission." Another said, "The Cooperative Program allows me to go where I cannot go, and do what I cannot do."

The denominational structure of Baptists in this country was begun in order to unite the efforts of the churches in accomplishing the

mission that Christ gave His church in the world. The Southern Baptist Convention was organized to extend the mission of the church from the local community into the world. This is the only reason for the denomination since the mission of the church and the ultimate purpose of Christianity in the world are the same.

The search for an effective method to accomplish this mission did not come easily for Southern Baptists. For 80 years many methods were tried in an attempt to unite the efforts of the churches to fulfill the Great Commission. The endeavor which led Southern Baptist to conceive the Cooperative Program was the $75 million Campaign which began in 1919.

This campaign was a five-year program to raise $75 million to support the mission concerns of Southern Baptists. The campaign appeared to have failed when in 1924 the amount received was $13 million short of the goal. However, through this experience Southern Baptist leaders realized what could be done when the efforts of the Southern Baptist churches were earnestly united behind one purpose. Out of this realization the Cooperative Program was born in 1925 and has become the "genius" of a denomination of ordinary people who have since multiplied into the most effective Christian denomination in the world.

In 1962, Mrs. W. C. James, at the age of 90, was living in a nursing home in Richmond, Virginia. In a few months she would go home to meet the Lord. She was asked the question: "You were president of our Woman's Missionary Union, and a member of that small group which recommended the establishment of the Cooperative Program. Why did you do it, Mrs. James?" She answered, "It belonged in our Southern Baptist Convention. We just had to cooperate. We had tried everything else. There was no other way."

Then she was asked, "How do you feel about it now?" She responded, "I believe in it more than ever. I"m proud to have had a share in its beginning. We would never have grown as we have without it. God led us to start this program. I don't recall all the reasons; but I"ll be on the other side before long, and everything will be clear. I pray every morning for the Cooperative Program. My part in it was the most important thing I ever did. Tell Baptists to keep it

going"!

The Cooperative Program has no inherently geographical, economical, or racial prejudice. It is money given for state missions, North American Missions, world missions, for all peoples throughout the earth who need a Savior. The Cooperative Program is, without dispute, the greatest voluntary funding program in the history of Christendom. It supports more than 9,000 foreign and home missionaries.

As we more into the year 2000 and celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program, may Southern Baptists, standing upon the shoulders of our forefathers, be found as "Partners in the Harvest," telling Baptists to keep it going!

Blue Ridge Youth Center

Praise be to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! This has been our greatest year yet, at Blue Ridge Youth Center! From July 1998 through July 1999, 137 young men have been saved and there have been 394 rededications and 49 baptisms. **You and your Association have helped to make this possible through your financial and prayer support. Thank you so very much and may God truly bless you for all you have done.**

There are still many needs to be filled, especially the need for volunteers. But my faith in Jesus and in His people is great and I believe He will impress on His people to supply these needs.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Respectfully submitted, Russell W. Hoilman, Chaplain

W M U Report

The regularly scheduled Annual Meeting of the Avery Baptist WMU was held on Monday evening, May 3, 1999, at Crossnore First Baptist

Church. Rev. Lander Heafner extended the welcome, and led in a devotion, using scripture from Matthew, chapter 9.

Special music was provided by the church's handbell choir, "The Praise Ringers", directed by Kathy Hutcheson.

Following the reading of the WMU Watchword, Helen Guinn read the missionary prayer calendar, along with scripture, Matthew 4:14, and led in prayer. Patsy Carpenter then gave the Roll Call of Churches, determining that seven (7) churches were represented and 34 people in attendance.

Margaret Ollis led a congregational hymn, with Kathy Hutcheson accompanying, during which time an offering of $60.00 was received. A motion was made that we send this offering to aid the Bosnian refugees, through The Samaritian's Purse organization, in Boone. This was voted on and approved .

The slate of officers for the 1999-2000 fiscal year was presented at this time, noting that offices in the WMU structure had been changed. The following officers were listed: Associational Director - Maria Aldridge; Associational Secretary - Hazel Franklin; Women on Missions Director - Helen Guinn. A prayer of dedication was led by LeNita Platt.

Susie Smith blessed the congregation with a special solo, followed by introduction of the guest speaker. Maria Aldridge gave an inspiring talk on what "Home Missions" has meant in her life, and encouraged those present to be aware of ministries they can serve in the Lord's name.

Place of the next Annual Meeting will be Elk Park First Baptist, May 1, 2000, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel Franklin, Assoc. Secretary

Director of Missions Report

This past year has been a very exciting time for our Association, but I feel a true challenge for the future. The challenge that I feel for the Association is simple. It is to begin anew to carry on the great traditions of our forefathers. Not the crippling traditions that rob us of vision and excitement, but the traditions that insure a close personal walk with God and that souls are born into the Kingdom of God. This is what has made our Association so great.

God is alive and well in Avery County. His presence is manifested everyday in a number of different ways and through many channels; not the least of which is Avery Baptist Association.

The accomplishments this past year have been many. The one which generated the most excitement was paying off the indebtedness on the associational building. This proves what I have said all along. As long as we work together, we can do anything that the Lord leads us to do.

Once again our association sponsored a "Youth Mission Trip". Hundreds of lives were impacted
by the faithfulness of these young people and their willingness to be obedient to God. Our plans are to make this an annual event. Once again this year we had a joint Youth Crusade with Mitchell Association. This event as always was a tremendous success with many decisions made. Next year our plans are to host our own event in Avery County.

Time and space prevent me from sharing about all of our efforts this year. We had a wonderful Evangelistic Crusade and Campground Ministry. Many lives were touched and needs met through our benevolent ministry.

Our plans for the coming year are many. We have an evangelistic crusade planned for October 25th - 27th. You will also be hearing a lot about a project called "Operation - 'In His Name' ", mission trips to Alaska, Appalachian Mountain Ministry and a World Missions Conference.

As you can see there are busy times ahead. Let us rise to this challenge. As the opportunities present themselves, may we do our best in the coming year to reach this county for Christ.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
1999-2000

Moderator.....Rev. Lander Heafner
Vice-Moderator.....Rev. Dennis Aldridge
Treasurer.....Rev. Max Smith
Assistant Treasurer.....LeNita Platt
Clerk.....Hazel Franklin
Assistant Clerk.....LeNita Platt
Sunday School Director.....Susie Smith
Memory Work Director.....Lori Benfield
WMU Director.....Maria Aldridge
Baptist Men Director.....Rev. Joe Miller
VBS Director.....Susie Smith
Evangelism Director.....Rev. Andy Stephens
Music Director.....Karen Magner
Pianist.....Doris Aldridge
Youth Director.....Rev. John Stafford

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
John McCoury, Chairman
John Stafford
Chuck Moorefield
Maria Aldridge
Becky Sizemore

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Lynn Pierce
Lander Heafner
David Anthony
The Vice-Moderator serves as
Chairman of this committee

BUDGET & FINANCE COM.
Max Smith, Chairman
Ron Green
Hazel Franklin
Kenny Poteat
Sam Eller

YOUTH COMMITTEE
John Stafford, Chairperson
Diana Love
Kathy Aldridge
Heather Highman
Randy Singleton

(NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Cont.)

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE.
Andy Stephens, Chairman
Bryan Griffith
Joe Miller
David Burnop

RESOLUTIONS CMT.
Wanda Smith, Chairperson
Patsy Carpenter

CONSTITUTION COM.
Bill Jones, Chairman
John McCoury
Lander Heafner

ORDINATION COUNCIL
Rufus Biddix
Bryan Griffith
Conley Huffman

TRUSTEES
Joe B. Perry
Simon Franklin
David Banner

BUILDING & GROUNDS
Roy Woody
Harry Platt
Simon Franklin

AUDITING COMMITTEE
James Burleson
Helen Guinn
Bruce Lacey

NOM. COMMITTEE
Dennis Aldridge
Ruth Brown
Brenda Ollis

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Aaron
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898-8057

Beech Mountain
Rev. Dennis Church
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Elk Park, NC 28622
898-5488

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43 Old Smokey Road
Newland, NC 28657
733-5486

Chestnut Dale
Rev. Jerry Burleson
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Newland, NC 28657
733-0486

Cranberry
Rev. David Burnop
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Plumtree, NC 28664
765-4410

Crossnore First
Rev. Lander Heafner
P. O. Box 370
Crossnore, NC 29616
733-5243

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Rev. Clarence Laws
110 Laws Hollow Lane
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765-9275

Fall Creek
Rev. Chuck Moorefield
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423-768-3224

Green Valley
Rev. Terry Robinson
1 Westwood Village
Marion, NC 28752
828-652-8005

Jonas Ridge
Rev. James Yelton
136 Pine Run Ridge
Spruce Pine, NC28777
765-2882

Long Ridge
Rev. John McCoury
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Roan Mtn., TN 37687
423-772-3807

Minneapolis
Rev. Bryan Griffith
P. O. Box 96
Minneapolis,NC 28652
733-9022

Newland First
Dr. Bill Jones. Pastor
Rev. Phil Rikard, Asso
Newland, NC 28657
733-9092

Oak Grove
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Newland, NC 28657
733-0481

Pilgrim
Rev. Donald Gragg
P. O. Box 483
Pineola, NC 28662
733-6523

Pineola
Rev. Joe Miller
P. O. Box 446
Pineola, NC 28662
733-1225

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Rev. Max Smith
471 US Hwy. 19E, N.
Newland, NC 28657
733-3378

Pleasant Valley
Rev. Lynn Pierce
P. O. Box 418
Elk Park, NC 28622
423-542-9463

Powder Mill
Rev. Harold Dellinger
Rt. 3, Box 373
Newland, NC 28657
765-2468

Stameytown
Rev. Dennis Aldridge
P. O. Box 231
Crossnore, NC 28616
733-9036

Sugar Mt
(No Pastor)

Valley Haven
Rev. Henry Strahan
333 Hickory Lane
Boone, NC 28607
264-5063

Whites Memorial
Rev. Andy Stephens
Box 553,Henson Cr.Rd
Newland, NC 28657
765-7095

Yellow Mountain
Rev. John Stafford
444 Young Cove Rd.
Bakersville, NC 28705
688-3020

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET
1999-2000

100 KEY LEADERSHIP ORG.	PRESENT	PROPOSED
101 Sunday School	250.00	250.00
102 Baptist Men	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism	200.00	500.00
104 WMU	200.00	400.00
105 VBS	150.00	100.00
106 Youth Ministry	200.00	400.00
107 Music	50.00	50.00
108 Speakers Honorarium	200.00	200.00
	1,300.00	1,950.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary	8,500.00	9,100.00
202 Social Security	1,070.00	1,170.00
203 Utilities and Housing	3,400.00	3,700.00
	12,970.00	13,970.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 D.O.M. Expense Re-imburse.	1,000.00	1,000.00
302 Office Telephone	600.00	600.00
303 Office Supplies	2,950.00	2,950.00
304 Office Utilities	1,000.00	1,000.00
305 Newsletter Postage	500.00	500.00
306 Secretary	3,500.00	4,000.00
	9,550.00	10,050.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy	1,200.00	1,500.00
402 Resort Ministry	1,000.00	1,000.00
403 Summer Missionary	500.00	.00
404 Misc. Mission Fund	1,030.00	1,200.00
	3,730.00	3,700.00
500 MISC. EXPENSE		
501 Insurance (Equip. & Building)	650.00	650.00
502 Printing of Minutes	400.00	400.00
503 Health Insurance	5,400.00	5,900.00
504 Building Maintenance	800.00	800.00
505 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00

BUDGET CONTINUED:

506 Convention Expense.....	400.00	400.00
507 Christmas Gift.....	300.00	300.00
508 Treasurer.....	250.00	250.00
509 Clerk.....	250.00	250.00
510 Property Taxes.....	200.00	200.00
511 Quarterly Tax Reports.....	400.00	400.00
	9,250.00	9,750.00
600 BUILDING FUND		
601 Loan Payment.....	4,000.00	00
TOTALS:	40,800.00	38,920.00

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 24, 1998 - SEPTEMBER 29, 1999

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	34,918.44
Baptist State Convention	6,488.69
Minute Fund	252.00
* Other	8,641.43
Total Receipts	$50,300.56

* Includes monies received from churches for Building Loan payments, Prison Ministry, Summer Ministries, and Misc. Offerings.

Cash on Deposit, October 1, 1998	3,784.32
Add Total Receipts for Year	50,300.56
Total	54,084.88
Less Disbursements	-47,806.56
Cash on Deposit-September 29, 1999	6,278.32

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Flood Relief Account Balance, as of September 24, 1998	$16,257.41
Total Disbursements for the year	2,557.12
Account Balance as of September 29, 1999	13,700.29

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
1999-2000

AARON - Rev. Ken Chester

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Mr. Eddie Storey, Mrs. Judy Parlier Mrs. Elizabeth Nunley

BIG MEADOWS - Rev. Harry Lee Turbyfill, Mrs. Patsy Carpenter, Mrs. Lila Vance.

CHESTNUT DALE - Rev. Jerry Burleson, Mr. Conley Huffman, Mr. Jerry Turbyfill

CRANBERRY - Rev. David Burnop

CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Mrs. Polly Heafner, Mr. Harry Platt, Mrs. LeNita Platt, Ms. Susie Smith

ELK PARK FIRST - Rev. Clarence Laws, Mr. Elbert McCoury, Mrs Edith Bolick

FALL CREEK - Rev. Chuck Moorefield, Mr. Troy Crawford, Mr. Charles. Ward, Mr. Mack Parlier

GREEN VALLEY - Rev. Jimmy Hicks

JONAS RIDGE - Mr. Sam Franklin, Mrs. Virginia Franklin, Mrs. Nellie Singleton, Mr. Russell Singleton

LONG RIDGE - Rev. John McCoury, Mrs. Kathy McCoury, Mr. Dwight Woody

MINNEAPOLIS - Rev. Bryan Griffith, Mr. Mike Storie, Mrs. Rita Storie, Mr. Champ Young, Mrs. Ruth Young

NEWLAND FIRST - Dr. Bill Jones, Mr. Charlie Banner, Mrs. Beatrice Banner

OAK GROVE - Rev. Ron Green, Mr. Lance Huffman, Mrs. Mildred Huffman, Mrs. Sharon Watson

PILGRIM - Rev. Donald Gragg

PINEOLA - Rev. Joe Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Andrews, Mrs. Brenda Ollis

PLEASANT HILL - Rev. Max Smith, Mrs. Wanda Smith, Mr. Andrew Taylor, Mrs. Ruth Brown

PLEASANT VALLEY - Rev. Eric Lynn Pierce, Mrs. Frankie Bare, Mr. Harry Gwyn, Mrs. Helen Guinn

POWDERMILL - Rev. Harold Dellinger, Mrs. Florence Dellinger

STAMEYTOWN - Rev. Dennis Aldridge, Mr. Mason Carpenter, Mr. Simon Franklin, Mr. Steve Pooreman

SUGAR MOUNTAIN - Mr. David Banner, Mrs. Barbara Banner, Mrs. Louise Banner, Mr. Ross Church, Mrs. Billie Church, Mr. Lynn Church

VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strahan, Mr. Joe B. Perry, Mrs. Clara Perry

WHITES MEMORIAL - Rev. Andy Stephens, Mr. Jeffery Vance, Mrs. Pam Stephens

MEMORIALS

AARON - Mr. John Hayes, Deacon

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Mae Church

BIG MEADOWS - Mr. Jimmy Taylor

CHESTNUT DALE - Mr. Lillard Johnson, Mrs. Lula Issacs

CRANBERRY - Mrs. Dorothy Ollis, Mrs. Dorothy Fay Turbyfill

CROSSNORE FIRST - Mr. Cullie Aldridge, Mr. Bruce Crowe, Mrs. Mary Johnson

FALL CREEK - Mr. Creed Edward Baker, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Joiner, Mrs. Gladys McGuire

OAK GROVE - Mrs. Katherine Cornett, Mr. Damon Vance, Mrs. Rosa Thomas, Mr. Bob Hall

PINEOLA - Mrs. Gertrude Holtsclaw, Mrs. Marjorie Clark

PLEASANT HILL - Mrs. Cozie Pittman, Mr. Stover Wise, Jr.

POWDERMILL - Mr. Jesse Jones, Mrs. Odie McKinney

STAMEYTOWN - Mrs. Mamie Lee Dellinger

WHITES MEMORIAL - Mrs. Margie Stafford, Mr. Tony Hughes

THE HISTORY OF CHESTNUT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH

Chestnut Dale Baptist Church was founded in 1903. Some of the original founders were John Hall, Wes Holtsclaw, Sylvester Huffman and Elijah Holtsclaw. Descendants of these men still attend Chestnut Dale today. We are known as a "family church" not only because most of the members are related to each other, but also for the spirit of family which exists among all members. This spirit can be seen in the many church activities conducted each year including "Heritage Day". Church members celebrate "Heritage Day" the second Saturday of October each year to remember and honor those great Christian individuals that played such an important role in the founding and growth of the church and the lives of its members.

The original church building, which stood on the same spot as the current building, was also used as the local school. This dual service arrangement served well for twenty-four years. In 1927 a new church building was constructed on the hill above where the fellowship hall now stands. The old building continued to serve as the two-teacher school until 1933 when the local schools consolidated.

The current church building was constructed in 1943-44 on the site of the original building. It was built by Frank Hicks who lived less than a stone's throw away. Frank was a member of Chestnut Dale most of his life. Many can still remember his distinct tenor voice in the choir. The current building was enlarged in the 1950's to add four classrooms. In the mid 1960's the church property under-went a major change with the construction of the new Squirrel Creek road. The hill where the second church building was located was graded down and used for fill on the new road. The resulting open area is where the parking lot and fellowship hall are now located. The fellowship hall was constructed in 1985 and sees almost constant use as a meeting place for church and civic activities.

During its long history, Chestnut Dale has seen many fine preachers fill its pulpit. Unfortunately the names of some of the early pastors are not known. We currently know of twenty-five men that have filled the position of pastor during our 96-year history, with Rev. Jerry Burleson currently serving.

88TH ANNUAL SESSION
CHESTNUT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1999

The annual meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association was called to order, at 3:00 pm, by Rev. Joe Miller, Moderator. Rev. Miller led the congregation in the opening hymn, "Jesus Saves", with pianist Doris Aldridge. The welcome was extended by Conley Huffman, following with prayer.

The program was presented for adoption by Rev Miller. Rev. Lander Heafner, making the motion, and Conley Huffman made the second. The vote was unanimous. In a roll call of churches, by Hazel Franklin, Clerk, 18 churches were represented, with a total of 94 present.

A program of special music was presented at this time, by Curtis and Dawn Hughes of Spruce Pine.

Dr. James Johnson, of West Asheville Baptist Church, brought the Mission Message. He chose Acts 1:8, as his scripture, and titled the message "We Have A Mission", with "Jesus is our Message, the Method is 'Share it"!, as a sub-title. After this, Rev. Miller led in a congregational hymn, "More About Jesus"

Rev. Max Smith presented the Treasurer's Report at this time, with a motion to adopt, and it was carried unanimously. He also presented the Budget and Finance Committee Report, which carried. Rev. Smith took this time to give a report from Campbell University, for which he holds the title of "Visiting Pastor".

The Nominating Committee Report was brought by Susie Smith, with a motion to adopt, which was unanimous. This was followed by the Memorials Report, given by Hazel Franklin, Clerk.

Conley Huffman read the History of Chestnut Dale Baptist Church, and asked for adoption to be placed in the minutes. This motion was carried unanimously.

Mission opportunities were presented at this time, with reports given by Talmage Williams on the North Carolina/Alaska Partnership, Appalachian Mountain Ministries by Gayland Moss, and a report on the Ukraine by Gene Kirby.

The Moderator led the congregation in a hymn, "Standing on the Promises", and Rev. and Mrs. Andy Stephens presented special music "He's In The Midst". Rev. Stephens then asked the congregation to be looking forward to the Evangelism Conference, scheduled for October 25th-27th.

The Annual Sermon was brought by Rev. Dennis Church. Using scripture from II Kings 6:1-6, he stated that "Procrastination" was one of the main doctrines of the Baptist Faith! He also brought out three things that are needful: 1. Fellowship and Cooperation, which promotes growth.

2. God's Power, in our churches and association.
3. Leaders, with God's touch in their lives.

The congregation was then dismissed with prayer and blessing for the supper hour.

EVENING SESSION:

The evening session was called to order at 7:00 pm, by Rev. Joe Miller, Moderator, and he led in a hymn "Send the Light". Rev. Rufus Biddix read scripture from Psalm 133 and 134, and led in prayer. He also led a praise song of "Praise God" to the tune of "Amazing Grace".

Fifteen churches were represented, with 57 messengers present, in the Roll Call of Churches, by Hazel Franklin.

Under Miscellaneous Business, three new members were elected for the Nominating Committee. They were Ruth Brown, Brenda Ollis and Rev. Dennis Aldridge. Rev. Lander Heafner moved to accept these as presented, and was seconded by Rev. Jerry Burleson. Mrs. Max Smith a resolution from the Resolution Committee, thanking Chestnut Dale Baptist Church for their time and hospitality as the host church.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine gave the Director of Missions report, followed by the Summer Missions report by Dianna Love. Both were accepted unanimously.

A highlight of the evening session was the Note Burning Ceremony. Rev. Whetstine made the opening remarks, scripture was read by Lynn Church, Heb. 11:1. Then, Rev. Whetstine, Rev. Miller, & Rev. Dennis Church burned the note, and Rev. Max Smith led in prayer.

The congregation was led in the hymn "I Love To Tell the Story" followed with a special solo by Tess McNabb.

The Challenge Message was brought by Dr. John T. Tiller, entitled "Preparing for the New Millenium", using scripture Matthew 16:28, and 17:1-8.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm., with a closing prayer.

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1999-2000

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS
Rev. Daniel Whetstine, PO Box 625, Newland, NC 733-6674

MODERATOR
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VICE-MODERATOR
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CLERK
Mrs. Hazel Franklin, 44 George White Ln, Newland, NC 733-4592

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Rev. Max Smith, 471 Hwy. 19E N, Newland, NC 733-3378

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Rev. Joe Miller, PO Box 446, Pineola, NC 733-1225

WMU DIRECTOR
Mrs. Maria Aldridge, PO Box 231, Crossnore,NC 733-9036

EVANGELISM DIRECTOR
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ASSOC. YOUTH DIRECTOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Rev. Max Smith, 471 Hwy. 19E N, Newland, NC 733-3378

HISTORICAL TABLES

1912 Aaron	W. H. Ollis
1913 Pleasant Hill	W. H. Ollis
1914 Big Meadows	D. A. Green
1915 Jonas Ridge	D. A. Green
1916 Yellow Mountain	D. A. Green
1917 Roaring Creek	S. M. Pittman
1918 Green Valley	R. T. Lewis
1919 Crossnore	R. T. Lewis
1920 Minneapolis	N. S. Hampton
1921 Beech Mountain	N. S. Hampton
1922 Pleasant Hill	N. S. Hampton
1923 Newland	N. S. Hampton
1924 Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton
1925 Chestnut Dale	N. S. Hampton
1926 Green Valley	N. S. Hampton
1927 Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton
1928 Jonas Ridge	K. L. Haga
1929 Yellow Mountain	K. L. Haga
1930 Roaring Creek	E. W. Buchanan
1931 Aaron	E. W. Buchanan
1932 Crossnore	E. W. Buchanan
1933 Powdermill	G. D. Danner
1934 Mt. Pleasant	G. D. Danner
1935 Beech Mountain	V. W. Green
1936 Pineola	V. W. Green
1937 Flat Springs	V. W. Green
1938 Green Valley	V. W. Green
1939 Fall Creek	V. W. Green
1940 Newland	R. T. Teague
1941 Yellow Mountain	R. T. Teague
1942 Elk Valley	R. L. Painter
1943 Belview	D. N. Jones
1944 Elk Park	D. N. Jones
1945 Pleasant Hill & Minneapolis	V. W. Green
1946 Jonas Ridge & Oak Grove	D. N. Jones
1947 Cranberry	W.H. Ollis
1948 Powdermill	S.M. Pittman
1949 Crossnore & Mt. Pleasant	C.C. Bryant

HISTORICAL TABLES (CONT.)

1950 Aaron & Newland	J. W. Costner
1951 Elk Valley & Valley Haven	J. C. Brown
1952 Sugar Mt. & Big Meadows	Mack Hodge
1953 Belview & Minneapolis	Mack Hodge
1954 Fairview & Whites Mem.	Mack Hodge
1955 Flat Springs & Beech Mt.	Mack Hodge
1956 Pleasant Hill & Newland	D. N. Jones
1957 Crossnore & Chestnut Dale	Ira Hodges
1958 Fall Creek & Roaring Creek	Howard Hodges
1959 Elk Park & Cranberry	Howard Hodges
1960 Oak Grove & Stameytown	G. H. Dellinger
1961 Aaron & Jonas Ridge	G. H. Dellinger
1962 Minneapolis & Pleasant Hill	Marion Smith
1963 Beech Mt. & Elk Valley	Marion Smith
1964 Powdermill & Belview	D. N. Jones
1965 Valley Haven & Cranberry	Raymond Turbyfill
1966 Flat Springs & Fall Creek	Raymond Turbyfill
1967 Yellow Mt. & Whites Mem.	Raymond Turbyfill
1968 Pleasant Hill & Big Meadow	Joe Puett
1969 Beech Mt. & Mt. Pleasant	Joe Puett
1970 Crossnore & Minneapolis	Max Holland
1971 Newland & Aaron	Robert Lindley
1972 Belview & Beech Mt.	Robert Lindley
1973 Big Meadws & Chestnut Dale	Lee Pittman
1974 Cranberry & Crossnore	Loyd Ramsey
1975 Elk Park & Elk Valley	Loyd Ramsey
1976 Fall Creek, & Fairview	Roy Lee Barbee
1977 Jonas Ridge & Green Valley	Kenneth Lance
1978 Newland & Oak Grove	Kenneth Lance
1979 Pilgrim & Pineola	Tommy Wagner
1980 Pleasant Hill & Pleasant Vly	Harry Turbyfill
1981 Powdermill & Stameytown	Jack Bryant
1982 Sugar Mt. & Valley Haven	Richard Hollifield
1983 Whites Mem. & Yellow Mt.	Richard Hollifield
1984 Aaron & Beech Mt.	Harold Dellinger
1985 Big Meadow & Chestnut Dale	Bill Jones
1986 Crossnore & Elk Park	Elbert McCoury
1987 Fall Creek & Jonas Ridge	Elbert McCoury

HISTORICAL TABLES (CONT.)

1988 Cranberry & Green Valley	Clarence Laws
1989 Newland First & Oak Grove	Clarence Laws
1990 Pineola & Pleasant Hill	Omar Trivett
1991 Pleasant Val. & Powdermill	Omar Trivett
1992 Stameytown	Max Smith
1993 Sugar Mountain	Max Smith
1994 Valley Haven	Calvin Vance
1995 Whites Memorial	Bill Jones
1996 Aaron	Bill Jones
1997 Beech Mountain	David Banner
1998 Big Meadows	Joe Miller
1999 Chestnut Dale	Joe Miller

Statistical Tables

MEMBER AND CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership 3-Resident Membership 5-Year Organized 6-Year Pastor Came
2-AM Worship Att. 4-Other Additions

Congregation	1	2	3	4	5	6
Aaron	93	80	0	1	1849	1999
Beech Mt.	207	45	119	1	1869	1996
Big Meadows	70	65	60	6	1845	1993
Chestnut Dale	54	0	50	0	1903	
Cranberry	77	60	77	12	1907	1997
Crossnore	486	330	400	11	1907	1983
Elk Park	61	28	41	2	1917	1993
Fall Creek	161	74	85	0	1885	1990
Green Valley	40	30	40	0	1897	

Jonas Ridge	213	60	112	4	1887	1999
Long Ridge	42	30	42	0	1945	1993
Minneapolis	126	115	0	14	1887	1996
Newland, First	464	1	460	21	1921	1983
Oak Grove	291	135	284	13	1900	1999
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0		
Pineola	103	45	63	2	1925	1994
Pleasant Hill	316	60	180	0	1905	1991
Pleasant Valley	45	30	10	0	1893	1997
Powderrmill	230	100	148	1	1914	1992
Stamey Town	96	25	38	0	1948	1998
Sugar Mt.	48	0	0	0	1950	
Valley haven	0	0	0	0	1948	
Whites Mem	103	35	103	0	1949	1996
Assoc. Totals	3,326	1,348	2,312	88		

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. En. 15b-(6-11) 15d-(18-24) 15f-(35-54) 15h-General Officers 18-VBS
15a-Birth-5 15c-(12-17) 15e-(25-34 15g-(55-up) 16-SS Avg Weekly Att.

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	16	18
Aaron	85	5	1	0	10	0	15	50	4	55	0
Beech Mt.	56	5	12	6	10	4	13	17	0	45	48
Big Meadows	65	2	12	8	1	15	12	30	4	60	0
Chestnut Dale	51	4	2	4	6	0	20	15	0	25	35
Cranberry	89	10	16	7	2	18	14	22	0	55	0
Crossnore	395	25	41	48	31	52	98	96	4	230	148
Elk Park	35	0	0	5	5	6	3	14	2	28	22
Fall Creek	87	8	4	5	6	13	25	26	1	69	65
Green Valley	30	1	4	0	2	3	27	4	0	20	0

Jonas Ridge	63	6	6	12	0	22	0	17	0	44	22
Long Ridge	34	3	1	4	2	5	16	3	0	21	18
Minneapolis	82	9	6	26	6	9	11	15	1	70	125
Newland, First	136	16	17	11	7	12	18	33	4	126	50
Oak Grove	140	23	14	19	14	23	27	18	2	88	55
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	35	0	3	4	0	5	2	20	0	35	51
Pleasant Hill	106	6	13	10	13	8	18	29	9	67	47
Pleasant Valley	45	3	5	6	5	10	5	11	0	45	56
Powdermill	133	9	14	18	2	3	42	25	20	104	90
Stamey Town	29	2	5	1	7	5	9	0	0	28	33
Sugar Mt.	56	3	12	2	0	7	8	25	0	32	35
Valley haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	42	3	2	4	2	6	6	10	9	31	47
Assoc. Totals	1,794	143	190	269	131	226	389	480	60	1,278	947

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Items Reported:

19-Total DT 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-up) 20-Total Short Term DT 20b-S.T. Children 20d-S.T.Adults
19a-(B-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off 20a-S.T. Preschool 20c–S.T. Youth & Gen. Off.

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	18	0	0	0	17	1	0	0	0	0	0
Elk Park	15	0	0	2	12	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	2	1
Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland, First	85	10	15	30	30	99	99	10	25	36	28
Oak Grove	100	23	4	12	60	1	5	0	0	2	3
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	39	3	2	3	27	4	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stamey Town	12	0	2	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mt.	30	2	10	2	10	6	0	0	0	0	0
Valley haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc Totals	299	38	33	50	165	112	121	10	25	40	32

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11 years) 21d-(18-up)
21a-(3-5 Years) 21c-(12-17 Years 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Aaron	24	0	0	0	24	0
Beech Mt.	25	4	5	5	30	0
Big Meadows	43	3	8	12	20	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	113	0	15	28	50	20
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	35	1	4	2	28	0
Green Valley	14	0	0	2	12	0

Jonas Ridge	22	0	2	2	18	0
Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	71	4	10	20	25	12
Newland, First	69	0	15	13	41	0
Oak Grove	57	3	9	6	30	9
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	14	0	0	0	14	0
Pleasant Hill	39	0	5	4	30	0
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	64	1	12	6	25	20
Stamey Town	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mt.	14	0	0	0	8	6
Valley haven	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	21	2	2	4	8	5
Assoc. Totals	625	18	87	104	363	72

MISSIONS EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Total WMU 23b-(6-11) 23d-(18-up) 24-Total Brthhood 24b-(12-17)
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-(WMU ldrship) 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-up)

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c
Aaron	25	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	15	0	0	1	14	2	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	32	0	0	0	30	2	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	92	10	8	11	55	8	40	8	10	22
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	17	0	0	0	13	4	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Jonas Ridge	21	0	3	8	0	3	8	0	0	8
Long Ridge	5	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	4
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland, First	16	0	0	0	15	1	25	0	5	19
Oak Grove	26	0	0	0	25	1	10	0	0	10
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	12	0	0	0	11	1	6	0	0	6
Pleasant Hill	23	0	4	3	13	3	6	3	3	0
Pleasant Valley	8	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stamey Town	12	0	0	0	10	2	8	0	0	8
Sugar Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	304	10	15	23	223	28	107	11	18	77

GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 36-Value Cong. Property
27-Des. Gifts 29-Total Receipts 37-Cong. Debt

Congregation	26	27	28	29	36	37
Aaron	71,354	7,390	0	78,744	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	3,488	31,199	34,687	180,000	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	17,000	0	0	17,000	150,000	0
Cranberry	24,159	3,010	0	27,169	91,400	0
Crossnore	246,775	56,496	425	303,696	2,000,000	523,286
Elk Park	8,578	2,593	314	11,485	250,000	0
Fall Creek	44,750	8,191	49	52,990	550,000	0
Green Valley	22,695	5,476	300	28,471	0	0

Jonas Ridge	23,826	8,331	0	32,157	277,000	0
Long Ridge	20,878	945	0	21,823	100,000	0
Minneapolis	39,535	0	0	39,535	0	0
Newland,First	230,381	100,000	0	330,381	1,000.000	0
Oak Grove	99,103	37,597	7,501	144,201	500,000	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	44,000	0	0	44,000	90,000	0
Pleasant Hill	82,117	12,228	1,325	95,670	550,000	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	48,908	40,000	0	88,908	565,000	115,000
Stamey Town	18,278	0	0	18,278	100,000	0
Sugar Mt.	639	4,693	0	5,332	210,700	0
Valley haven	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	25,304	4,208	0	29,512	100,000	0
Assoc. Totals	1,068,279	294,646	41,113	1,404,038	6,714,100	638,286

MISSION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss. 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non SBC Miss.
30-Assoc. Miss. 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Miss. 36-Total Miss. Expenditures

Congregation	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Aaron	4,800	2,100	0	596	1,494	6,910	0	15,900
Beech Mt.	1,127	3,383	0	0	2,300	0	5,011	11,821
Big Meadows	48,737	0	0	3,900	300	0	0	52,937
Chestnut Dale	500	500	0	0	500	500	500	2,500
Cranberry	0	746	407	251	0	0	0	1,403
Crossnore	45,791	12,217	5.519	2,127	359	2,000	7,720	75,733
Elk Park	432	0	148	125	135	0	60	900
Fall Creek	1,260	1,637	200	1,996	3,421	1,100	6,191	15,805
Green Valley	0	0	0	108	150	203	2,429	2,890

Jonas Ridge	2,313	716	0	170	195	0	3,267	6,661
Long Ridge	2,234	600	0	200	200	0	0	3,234
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	920	9,220	10,140
Newland,First	3,200	3,200	3,031	0	1,900	3,200	8,800	23,331
Oak Grove	6,000	2,100	500	1,800	2,000	0	9,150	21,550
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	6,512	600	998	479	2,192	600	0	11,381
Pleasant Hill	0	2,463	821	3,561	13,032	1,642	15,278	36,797
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	1,200	600	0	155	0	0	1,955
Stamey Town	1,220	499	182	400	327	0	1,131	3,759
Sugar Mt.	0	1,712	0	0	336	0	0	2,048
Valley haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	170	404	0	0	585	585	1,288	3,032
Assoc. Totals	124,295	34,077	12,406	15,713	29,581	17,660	70,045	303,776

BAPTISM INFORMATION

Items Reported:

37-Total Baptisms 37b-(6-8) 37d-(12-17) 37f-(30-59)
37a-(Under 6) 37c-(9-11) 37e-(18-29) 37g-(60-Up)

Congregation	37	37a	37b	37c	37d	37e	37f	37g
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Big Meadows	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	7	0	2	1	0	3	1	0
Crossnore	9	0	0	2	2	3	2	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Jonas Ridge	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	7	0	0	2	3	1	1	0
Newland,First	12	0	0	3	1	1	5	2
Oak Grove	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Pleasant Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Powdermill	8	0	1	0	0	2	4	1
Stamey Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mt.	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Valley haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Assoc. Totals	66	1	9	14	6	14	16	5

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We the affiliated Southern Baptist Churches of Avery County and one of Burke County, to facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel, to provide a medium of cooperation and recognize our interdependence and our dependence upon our Lord Jesus Christ; but in no case presume to direct or control the cooperative churches in reference to their government of internal policy; do hereby purpose to establish and maintain an Avery Southern Baptist Association in accordance with the following plan:

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. It is the purpose of the association to provide an organization for the Southern Baptist Churches affiliated with it.
Section 2. To encourage them to faithfulness in every endeavor which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Section 3. To encourage them in the support of the association, Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptist Convention.
Section 4. To cultivate a friendly and helpful union among the affiliated churches for their mutual benefit; and to engage in cooperative endeavors which the individual churches might be unable to accomplish alone.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of those churches represented by duly elected messengers for the annual meeting and representation elected by the local church to represent in other endeavors, from their membership, affiliated through prayerful and financial support of the body, known as the Avery Baptist Association - and:

a. Faith and practice of member churches shall harmonize with generally accepted articles of faith of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.
b. Maintain affiliation by a letter of report to the annual associational meeting.
c. Financial support is vital to carry on work through the associational body and the ongoing ministries of the churches working together. A suggested goal of three (3) percent of the financial receipts of the cooperating churches is suggested as a minimum contribution.
Section 2. Each church having resident membership of one hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger.
Section 3. The pastors who are members or who are laboring in connection with said church.
Section 4. The duly elected officers of the association.
Section 5. The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

Section 1. The Baptist churches, which have petitioned for membership, been examined by the duly designated committee of this body, presented before the association, and by a vote of the association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose of the undertaking of the body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches.
Section 2. The vote of the association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but not bind them in any way; yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body, it may justly acclaim for itself, for objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Section 2. There shall be a membership, Constitution, By-laws and study committee consisting of the Director of Missions, Moderator and three (3) others elected annually.
Section 3. This committee shall examine withdrawals of affiliation of any churches to the Avery Southern Baptist Association.
Section 4. Any church desiring membership with the association shall place their request with the above stated committee. The committee will in turn inform the executive committee at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting about the request. When the Executive Committee has taken action on the request of the church, it shall be presented to the association in the annual meeting.
Section 5. Should any church disqualify itself by practice or doctrines contrary to those of the association, as stated in Article III on membership, or fail to represent itself by messenger or letter more than two (2) consecutive sessions without reason, or threats with contempt the objectives and requirements of the association, the association may dissolve connection with such church. This may be done by action taken in the Executive Committee.
Section 6. Any issue once presented to the association in regular session, after coming through the related committee and Executive Committee, being voted upon, must have a period of two (2) years of waiting before being presented again.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist their attendance at all sessions of the given associational meeting.
Section 2. It shall be the duty of the church to have their associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing. The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the association fourteen (14) days prior to the time for the annual meeting.
Section 3. It shall be the duty of each church to prayerfully uphold and financially support the association work.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association will be held annually on the first Friday of the month of October unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the association.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice-moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, Music Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed. These officers shall be members of the affiliated Baptist churches and the duly elected various organizations, subject to the approval of the association.

Section 2. Their active term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body, unless herein after or before stated.

Section 3. It is suggested two (2) years of service be encouraged, and even longer would be advantageous to the association work, unless contrary to specifications otherwise stated in this document.

(A) MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to act;

1. In an executive capacity of all meetings according to the principles of a presiding officer.
2. As ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise specified.
3. The term of the moderator shall not exceed two (2) years in succession, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one (1) year.

(B) VICE-MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the moderator to serve as presiding officer. The Vice-Moderator will function in other capacities necessary to association work, if the moderator is unable to perform, or as requested. This includes completion of term, due to resignation.

1. Will serve as chairman of the program committee.

(C) CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and, together with a publishing committee with shall consist of a moderator and two other appointed members of the

association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body.

1. Attendance of the Executive Committee meetings is encouraged at all times, or arrangements for coverage.

(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: Assist the clerk in all tasks; and will function in the absence of the clerk, or at any time the clerk is unable to perform.

(E) TREASURER: As Treasurer, he or she shall keep records of all funds coming into his or her possession, and an account of all disbursements.

1. Give a printed monthly and annual financial report.
2. Provide records for a yearly audit.
3. Serve with the finance committee.

(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall be prepared for and function in the absence of the treasurer, or any time the latter is unable to perform.

(G) HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the association.

(H) PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall guide the business of the Association, as called upon, through interpretation of the guide-lines set forth and specified in the constitution and/or By-laws. If not specified therein, then in accordance the Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4. The various heads of organizations, namely Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Chairman of Evangelism and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed shall preside over the activities of these ministries and promote the working of the same.

Section 5. The Director of Missions shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

(A) The officers of the association.

(B) The pastor of each church, who is a member of, or laboring in connection with, said church and one lay member of the church.

(C) Two lay members, nominated and elected by the church who does not have a pastor or member to represent them.

(D) The name of the lay members of the Executive Committee, elected by their respective churches, shall be reported to the association in the church letter of report, for the annual meeting. They shall take office in like manner, as other members.

(E) This committee shall meet quarterly as prescribed by the associational calendar activities.

(F) The Executive Committee shall be authorized to hold special meetings if needed, upon call of the Moderator, or in the Moderator's absence the Vice-Moderator, or the Director of Missions. Notice must be given to each member church and associational executive officers one week in advance for any special meeting.

This committee shall submit full report of its work to the association at each session.

Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding on the association (subject to their approval at the annual session), together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual association budget.

Section 3. The Associational Council shall be composed of the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Missions Committee, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, Stewardship Director, and the Director of Missions, who will serve as chairman of the Associational Council. The duties of the Associational Council are:

1. To promote all work of the association.
2. To prepare a calendar of activities. If any cancellations take place after dates have been approved and placed in the printed calendar, it will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the Program Committee (Vice-Moderator) to see that proper notice has been mailed to the churches.

Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members, including the Treasurer. The five (5) others will be recommended by the nominating committee. No church shall have more than one(1) representative. Two (2) of the five (5) nominated will rotate off at one time and three (3) the next rotation time.

(A) It is recommended the members of the Finance Committee serve at lest two (2) years and longer, if approved, not to exceed five (5) years without a lapse of at least one (1) year of service.
(B) This committee will be responsible for preparation and recommendation of an early Associational Budget after contact with chairmen of committees, directors, the Director of Missions and awareness of office needs to perpetuate the Avery Southern Baptist Association work, then presented through associational procedure.
(C) This committee shall assist in other financial needs and, when called upon, function in such matters.
Section 5.
(A)The Nominating Committee will consist of Avery Baptist Associational key leaders, which include the following: Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Mission Committee Chairman, plus three members to be elected at the annual meeting. The Moderator and Director of Missions shall be ex-officio members.
(B) The duties of the committee shall be to elect a chairman and to bring nominations for all the general officers of the Avery Baptist Association; all department heads, standing and rotating committees, representatives of the denominational agencies and institutions, and General Board representative (who serves a four (4) year term unless completing a term due to resignation).
(C) They shall contact all those to be recommended to fill offices before their names are to be presented.
(D) In event that any office becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Executive Committee.
(E) This committee shall have additional members as the need arises.
Section 6. Program Committee shall consist of three (3) members including the Vice-Moderator who shall be chairman. They shall contact all those to be on the program and inform those to give reports. This committee shall be recommended to the Nominating Committee.
Section 7. Trustee Committee shall be composed of three (3) persons. They shall have the responsibility of holding the deeds for associational property, signing any notes, mortgages, or other legal documents pertaining to the property of the association. They shall meet at the call

of any need in reference to their job.

Section 8. The Ordination Advisory Committee shall be composed of six (6) members who shall act in an advisory capacity for churches or for ministerial students seeking ordination counseling. The committee shall assist in the ordination of candidates for the ministry only after their call to some specific position in Christian service, and shall refrain from announcing the date for ordination until after the Advisory Committee approval of the candidate.

Section 9. The Properties Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to care for all physical properties of the association. This includes such items as repair and maintenance, insurance property improvement, office and other equipment and long range planning for development and the like.

Section 10. The Membership, Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee shall be composed of three (3) members who are responsible for the examination of the affiliation and/or withdrawal of any church in the Avery Baptist Association. The committee will bring to the association body, through required channels, the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as needs arise.

Section 11. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to examine all financial records and then bring its report to the association.

Section 12. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of two (2) members whose duty it shall be to present to the association such resolutions as they deem in order, or which may be referred to them.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting provided such an alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the morning session and acted upon at the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed, in as far as applicable, in the governing of the Avery Southern Baptist Association, where not

otherwise specified by the Constitution or By-Laws.

AMENDMENT I

The Executive Committee shall meet three times yearly instead of Quarterly.

Executive Committee Reports

February 3, 2000

The first scheduled Executive Committee meeting for the fiscal year, was called to order at Pineola Baptist Church, by Rev. Lander Heafner, Moderator. Using scripture from the book of Romans, Rev. Heafner led in a devotion, and Rev. Joe Miller led in prayer.

Hazel Franklin, Clerk, made a roll call of churches, and determined there were five churches represented with 13 members present. The financial report was given by Rev. Max Smith, with a motion to adopt as read, this was seconded by Susie Smith and passed unanimously.

Rev. Joe Miller gave a report on Baptist Men. Susie Smith gave a Sunday School update, and stated she would be attending an outreach work shop in the near future. Maria Aldridge gave a progress report on WMU. Bob Daniels gave an update on the work being done for flood victims in Eastern North Carolina.

Rev. Lander Heafner presented a gift to Rev. Whetstine, in the form of a love offering, from the churches, in appreciation for his dedication and hard work in the Association.

Rev. Whestine gave a report on World Missions, and stated that dates had not been decided on a World Missions Conference in this Association.

Under new business, Rev. Dennis Aldridge made a motion for Rev. Whetstine to order materials and have work done, relating to the need of vinyl eave and soffit around the outside of the association building. This was seconded by Rev. Max Smith, and approved unanimously.

Rev. Whetstine announced that a missions trip has been planned for volunteers to go to Phelps, KY, in early spring to help restore the First

Baptist Church of Phelps.

In closing Rev. Heafner asked the churches "What do you want your Executive Committee to be?

A motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Max Smith, seconded by Susie Smith, and Rev. Dennis Aldridge dismissed in prayer.

April 24, 2000

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Vice-Moderator, Rev. Dennis Aldridge, and he led in prayer. The meeting was held at Whites Memorial Baptist Church, and the Pastor, Rev. Andy Stephens, led in a devotional using Col. 4:17. He urged all in attendance to take heed to the ministry God has given us, and to complete it.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Hazel Franklin, Clerk, and they were approved as read. In a roll call of churches, there were six represented, with 14 members present. In the absence of Rev. Smith, Treasurer, the financial report was given by LeNita Platt, Asst. Treasurer, and this was approved unanimously.

Under old business, Rev. Whetstine reported that the vinyl siding and soffit on the eaves of the associational building had been completed. A new survey of the office property has been done, and we can now proceed with landscaping and purchase a utility building. He then gave a report on the mission trip to Phelps, KY, stating the church basement had been renovated with ceiling tile, light fixtures, and painting, and new fixtures for two bathrooms were installed. Also, the parsonage on the church property had been underpinned. He and Rev. Smith will be making a trip Friday, 28th, to deliver tables and other supplies for the classrooms.

Rev. Whetstine announced that the Association is making plans to present "Judgement House", in October. This is an alternative to "Halloween", which presents the plan of Salvation to those attending. The Avery County Crusade is scheduled for October 2nd - 4th, with Rev. Tom Hayes, Evangelist. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at Fall Creek Baptist, in July.

Maria Aldridge, WMU Director, brought a WMU update, and announced the Annual WMU meeting is scheduled for May 1st, at Elk Park Baptist Church. Missionary Kathy Ollis will be guest speaker. The Associational Missions Emphasis Week is May 22nd - 28th.

After determining there was no further business, Rev. Aldridge referred to the question Rev. Heafer left with the members at the last meeting, asking "What would you like this Association to be?" He urged all the churches to earnestly support and participate in the endeavors of the Asssociation.

Rev. Jude Hughes made the motion to adjourn, and Rev. Whetstine dismissed in prayer.

July 13, 2000

The regular scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee, met at Fall Creek Baptist Church, at 7:00 pm. Rev. Lander Heafner, Moderator, call the meeting to order, and opened with a hymn, "Victory in Jesus". His devotion was taken from Acts 7:54-56, and he then asked for special prayer requests from the members. Rev. Chuck Moorefield, Pastor of Fall Creek, led in prayer.

Hazel Franklin, Clerk, made a roll call of churches, with seven churches represented and fifteen members present. She then read the minutes of the last meeting, being accepted as read. The financial report was given by LeNita Platt, Asst. Treasurer, which was approved as printed.

Rev. Whetstine gave a report on the Kentucky Mission project, stating the church there had experienced growth and five new professions of faith, resulting from our ministry. Another trip has been planned for Phelps, KY for August 4th, for holding Back Yard Bible Clubs and area visiting.

Susie Smith, Assoc. Sunday School Director, reported on a Sunday School Conference to be held in Wilkesboro, on August 26th. The purpose of this is to help churches with the new literature that will start in the fall. She will be giving more information to the churches later.

Rev. Dennis Aldridge asked about the progress of the "Judgement House" plans, and Rev. Whetstine stated that so far none of the churches have expressed a desire to help. Rev. Whetstine expressed a concern over an article in the Asheville-Citizen Times, on what seems to be "New Age" sects holding meetings in the Mars Hill College Chapel. A letter was written to the college president, as well as the N.C. Baptist Convention president, Dr. James Royston. Rev. Joe Miller made a motion that these

letters be representative of all the associational churches, and seconded by Rev. Chuck Moorefield.

Rev. Whetstine's second concern is the access to pornography at the local libraries. He has looked into getting help with having filters installed on the library computers. The American Family Association is looking into this. Rev. Whetstine led in prayer on these causes.

Rev. Ron Greene spoke on the prayer meetings and classes being held toward preparation of the High Country Festival 2000, scheduled for September 15th, 16th and 17th, and encouraged all the churches to get involved.

It was noted that the Annual Meeting of the Avery Baptist Association will be held on October 6th, at 3:30 pm, at Cranberry Baptist Church. A motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Jude Hughes, and seconded by Beatrice Banner. Rev. Dennis Aldridge closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hazel Franklin, Clerk

Baptist Retirement Homes

A Half-Century of Service - In March 2001, the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina will celebrate 50 years of service to Older Adults. It has been a wonderful half-century, and the "Homes" is thankful for the privilege of sharing in the life journeys of thousands of "Aging Saints."

The quality of life the "Homes" has brought to these Older Adults has been its best measure of success as it has helped ensure that residents live out their lives with autonomy, dignity, and comfort. The "Homes'" dream is to make life for North Carolina Older Adults what God intended it to be... "The Best of Times".

The "Homes" corporation now owns and operates four retirement communities across the state: the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, a continuing care community offering independent living, assisted living and nursing care; the Western North Carolina Home in Asheville, a community that offers assisted living and nursing care; and the Hamilton Home in Hamilton and The Taylor House in Albemarle, communities that offer assisted living services. Later this year the

"Homes" will begin construction on a new community ~ The Gardens of Taylor Glen, a continuing care community near Concord.

The generous support the "Homes" has received from North Carolina Baptists has enabled it to make a unique promise to its residents: *whatever the future may hold, Baptist Retirement Homes will care for them for the rest of their lives.* Keeping this promise means overcoming many challenges. By 2020 North Carolinians past retirement age will make up 20 percent of the population. While medical science has prolonged life, the effects of aging are often intensified and extended over many years. Many Older Adults exhaust their personal resources and look to the "Homes" for significant financial assistance.

Still Baptist retirement Homes stands ready to make good its promise of ongoing compassionate and quality care.

"Baptist Elder Care Network" is a statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons. This is a free service provided by Baptist Retirement Homes, and may be reached by calling 1-800-887-7410.

Bill Stillerman,
President
Baptist Retirement
Homes of North Carolina, Inc.

Baptist Children's Homes

"*Quality Service Through Quality Relationships*" is not just a slogan. It is a foundational statement of philosophy. In our ministry, relationships are everything - - relationships with children, with families, with placement agencies, with our own families and churches, and with each other. We are blessed by God in this work because we honor God in Relationships.

During the QSTQR emphasis, all BCH staff at every ministry point have made extra efforts to strenghthen relationships with the people we encounter. We have incorporated the terms quality, service and relationships into a plan of action. We have reflected our desire for quality relationships in everything we do in order to deliver quality

services that change lives. QSTQR, celebrating the mission . . . the millennium . . . the ministry, was BCH's theme from Easter, 1999, through Thanksgiving, 2000.

Through Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, hundreds of children and families are given new hope for their futures. During the past year, BCH served 1800 children and families through 13 facilities statewide. BCH operates residential campuses in Thomasville, Pembroke, Kinston and Clyde; a maternity home in Asheville; a teen mother/baby home in Lenoir; values change homes for girls in Franklin and Lenoir; therapeutic camping for boys in Cameron; emergency care cottages at the residential campuses and in Waynesville and Asheville; and a model day care center in Thomasville.

In 2000, BCH began a new, innovative ministry caring for developmentally disabled adults and their families. Our Trustees unanimously approved a major undertaking this year by committing more than $3.5 million to replace, repair, construct and make-much needed improvements at every BCH location. Most of the work is complete. You are invited to visit our campuses and other facilities to see first hand the difference you are helping us to make.

The commitment to quality has been a cornerstone of this institution since its beginning. *"Quality Service Through Quality Relationships"* was a 20-month public demonstration of this cornerstone. The emphasis places top priority on relationships to achieve the highest quality of service possible. Significant growth has been realized during this period. BCH has dedicated new structures at Odum Home, Cameron Boys Camp, Kennedy Home, Broyhill and Mills Home campuses and added new work in Waynesville and Asheville as well as Moody Home, Care House, Noel Group Home. Several significant anniversaries have been observed: the 85th of Kennedy Home in Kinston, the 30th of Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the 20th of Cameron Boys Camp, the 40th annual Western Area Conference, and the 115th anniversary of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

To help commemorate BCH's 115th anniversary and to celebrate the impact QSTQR has had on staff and children, approximately 600 children, administrators, childcare workers, social workers and staff were brought together June 28, 2000 from around the state for a day of inspiration, fellowship, food and fun. "The Family Gathering" was held

at Mills Home where BCH began in 1885. This is the first time all the Baptist Children's Homes" "family" have been together at the same place and at the same time.

Baptist Children;s Homes QSTQR emphasis will culminate at Thanksgiving. We invite you to attend BCH's 30 minute presentation at the 2000 annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 2:10 pm. We encourage you to be part of our ambitious $1 million Thanksgiving Offering goal. That number may seem enormous, but there is also enormous need. For all the good North Carolina Baptists are doing to help children and families, there is still so much that needs to be done. We are confident our churches will help us meet this important goal!

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Program, and individual gifts, memorials, honors, bequests and estate gifts help enable us fulfill our mission statement: **"helping hurting children . . . healing broken families."**

North Carolina's "largest family" is grateful to North Carolina Baptists for prayers and support. To secure a video or a speaker for your church, or for information about our services, please call (336) 474-1209.

Michael C. Blackwell, President
Ward F. Mullis, Chairman,
Board of Trustees

Christian Higher Education

Christian higher education represents one of our enduring values as North Carolina Baptist. From the founding of our Convention in 1830, we have supported Christian higher education. Our churches, associations, and state have benefitted as a result.

Last year North Carolina Baptists provided special scholarship assistance to members from our churches who chose to attend one of our affiliated colleges or universities. Sixty-eight our of eighty associations were represented among the hundreds of students who received this special Convention sponsored scholarship assistance.

The institutions matched the Convention's support of these Baptists

students through institutional support. For every dollar provided to students through the Cooperative Program, the institutions matched it with $2.50 of additional financial assistance. Forty-five percent (45%) of the on-campus student populations are Baptists.

In addition to support of undergraduates, North Carolina Baptists assisted 297 divinity school students last year. This financial assistance was made possible through churches giving through optional giving Plans B and C. Members from our churches who have sensed God's call upon their lives to serve as ministers or missionaries are eligible to receive a theological educational grant from the Convention.

If a student pursues their degree from the divinity schools at Gardner-Webb or Campbell, the student is eligible to receive a grant of $8,100. If a student pursues his or her theological education from other institutions, the student is eligible to receive a grant of $3,000 for their studies.

Rev. Shane Kirby recently graduated from the M. Christopher White School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University. Upon graduation, Mr. Kirby said, *"I couldn't be more happy that I was able to obtain my master's at a North Carolina Baptist institution. I look at it like the Baptists of this state invested in me. Now, I feel a sense of responsibility to the good people of my denomination to serve them."*

North Carolina Baptists can take pride in graduates, like Mr. Kirby, who want to serve our Lord and his churches in North Carolina.

Without the faithful support of the Cooperative Mission Budget of the Baptist State Convention, opportunities for our members to attend Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill or Wingate would not be possible.

Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the

institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 1999, the Foundation provided assistance to individuals in establishing 20 endowment funds and 12 charitable remainder trusts totaling $3.8 million and received $2.8 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist Causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 122 churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $3 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance.

As of December 31, 1999, the Foundation held $93,355,200 under management. This is an increase of more than $12.5 million over 1998. During 1999, $1,864,044 was distributed to individuals and $3,418,543 to Baptist work for a total distribution of $5,282,587. During the 80-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $16,081,204 has been distributed to individuals and $25,723,551 to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $41,804,755.

Terry Alford, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Exec. Director

Biblical Recorder

Since 1833, the *Biblical Recorder* has served North Carolina Baptists as the official news journal of the Baptist State Convention. Founded by Thomas Meredith, the *Biblical Recorder* was owned and operated as a private enterprise until 1938, when the paper was purchased by and incorporated as an agency of the Baptist State Convention.

The *Biblical Recorder* promotes God's kingdom work in accordance with its mission statement:

"Our Mission is to further Christ's kingdom among North Carolina Baptists by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources in a timely and accessible fashion."

As an agency belonging to all North Carolina Baptists, the *Biblical Recorder* provides balanced news coverage of Baptist news from throughout the state and reflects opinions representative of the diversity that is typical of our churches. The *Recorder* also includes periodic features designed to offer ideas, encouragement, and inspiration to readers.

In keeping with current needs, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a frequently used site on the World Wide Web. This site (www.biblicalrecorder.org) offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's content several days before printed versions arrive. This is particularly helpful during convention meetings and at other times when frequent updates are desirable. As time and resources allow, additional features are being added to make the site an even more valuable source of information for North Carolina Baptists.

The *Biblical Recorder* works in partnership with the Baptist State Convention and receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts as an agency of the Convention. This support makes it possible to offer the *Recorder* for just pennies per issue. The *Biblical Recorder* has not raised subscription rates in five years, but a string of steep postage hikes will almost certainly necessitate modest increases in subscription prices beginning in 2001. Currently, the annual rates (including tax) are:

* Every Home Plan (20%+ of church families, paid through the church budget) - $7.42
* Club Plan (4 or more persons subscribe together) - $8.48

* Individual Subscription _ $10.60

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Christian Action League

It is with humble gratitude that the Christian Action League of North Carolina serves the Lord Jesus Christ and the churches of this great state as a Beacon of light, guiding referendums and legislation through the murky waters of special-interest groups and educating God's people about the moral problems in our state and nation. Our goal is to encourage and organize the people of God so that our light will be seen brightly throughout our state; and when we speak, it will be in one accord and will resound loudly.

A. **Christian Values**

a. The Christian Action League again co-sponsored the Firth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. It was our pleasure to provide awards for excellence to those high school students who won the essay contest on America's Christian background.

b. CAL has continued to promote and distribute copies of the Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 15,000copies have been mailed.

c. Promoted awareness of worldwide persecution of Christians (particularly in Sudan) through email alerts and radio.

d. Participated with the American Family Association in distributing copies of our national motto posters - "In God We Trust".

e. Joined with Family Life Ministries in promoting and distributing copies of the Marriage Covenant Certificates.

f. Participated in the National Day of Prayer.

g. Set up CAL exhibit at Baptist State Convention and the East and West Districts of the Wesleyan Church conferences.

h. Worked in the General Assembly to stop a bill that would allow physicians to take immediate custody of a child that they felt had been abused. The bill died in committee.

B. Radio

"Christians In Action", Station WAGO (88.7 FM) Snow Hill, started Monday, January 3, 2000.This broadcast consists of a five-minute commentary on issues that affect our lives today. We will begin airing this program on Aug. 7, on New Bern (WAAE, 91.9 FM) Our projection is to ultimately reach the whole state.

C. Gambling

a. Video Poker Machines - The Christian Action League worked round the clock to get video poker banned in this state. We failed getting the ban but were successful in getting SB 1542 to strengthen the law and restrict the operation and expansion of video gambling in the state. We will work vehemently next session in pushing for a ban.

b. Joined Christian Coalition in survey on how Gubernatorial candidates stood on lottery/ released results in newsletter.

D. Abortion

a. CAL has purchased the rights through donations of a surgical procedure on a 21-week old fetus that proves that partial-birth abortion is murder. We want to see this picture used extensively in making our case for the pro-life agenda.

b. CAL participated in the Right to Life Rally held in Raleigh.

E. Alcohol

a. Participated in four LBD campaigns since January 11, 2000, and there are three scheduled for a September referendum. We help with their organizational meetings, rallies and also provide educational materials.

b. Worked in the General Assembly for passage of HB 1499-Interlock/Open Container law.This bill bans open alcohol containers in the passenger area of a motor vehicle on the highway or highway right-of-way. The bill was ratified on July 13.

F. Pornography

Have produced and aired several radio programs to inform the public

of the internet pornography crisis. Educate communities on how they can rid their neighborhoods of adult establishments.

G. Homosexuality

CAL monitors and informs the Christian community of the current homosexual agenda through our email alert.

The Christian Action League of North Carolina produces a quarterly newsletter *The Beacon* that has a distribution of over 21,000. We also send out an email alert every Friday to over 150 members to keep them abreast of current moral, ethical and political issues that affect our state and nation.

Rev. Mark Creech, Executive Director
Joe S. Lennon, President

Annuity Board

The Annuity Office of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in partnership with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention provides services related to retirement planning, financial support of ministers and other church employees, life and health insurance programs, and church/clergy tax issues. During this past year numerous conferences, consultations, etc. were conducted to service our churches and church employees related to these issues. Education continues to be a number one priority since so many people do not participate in the plans simply because they are not aware of the great benefits.

On January 1, 2000, the Annuity Board began offering the Ministers' Annuity Plan. This new product is particularly designed for the minister who has self-employment income from performing services (i.e. weddings, funerals, revivals, writing) as a Southern Baptist minister, and others who may not qualify for one of the other Annuity Board retirement plans. Eligibility can be determined by contacting the Annuity Board's customer service area.

The Southern Baptist Convention in annual session in June, 2000, approved changes to the Annuity Board's Mission Statement and two new ministry assignments. The changes will now allow the Annuity Board to offer personal investing for Southern Baptist ministers and denominational employees and their spouses, and to assist churches and

denominational entities by making available institutional investment services through cooperative agreements with state Baptist foundations.

As of May 31, 2000, there were 4,561 active participants in the annuity retirement plan from 61% of our North Carolina churches. The number of persons in North Carolina receiving retirement benefits totals 2,807 with another 368 assisted through the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief ministries. Funds for supplemental assistance are provided from the Cooperative Program, the Retirement Ministers' Support Fund, and the Adopt An Annuitant plan.

For more information related to Annuity Board products and services, call the Baptist State Convention at 1-800-395-5102 ext. 174, or call the Annuity Board at 1-800-262-0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at [illegible].

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross, Baptist State Convention

Other Annuity Board News:

In its regular summer meeting, Annuity Board trustees heard reports concerning new products and services made possible by the enhancements approved by the Southern Baptist Convention to the Board's mission statement and ministry assignment, and also received information related to insurance rate increases. O. S. Hawkins, president and chief executive officer, expressed praise to God and thanks to the Southern Baptist Convention for expanding the Annuity Board's mission statement and ministry assignments. "This action will make it possible for us to more fully achieve our vision to become a Life-Partner with our participants. Through personal investing and institutional investment management services, we will have new avenues of service opened to us", Hawkins said.

Until the recent ministry assignment enhancements approved by the 2000 Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, the Annuity Board primarily offered retirement and insurance plans to its participants. Now, with the addition of personal investing, other-than-retirement investment options will be available to Annuity Board participants and their spouses.

"Our staff is diligently working to recommend the selection of strategic

vendors that will help us to make the new products and services a success;, said John Jones, executive vice president and chief operating officer. "We anticipate rolling out these new offerings sometime in 2001."

Also scheduled for 2001 will be Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) for Annuity Board participants and their spouses. Jim Morrison, managing director for Retirement Services reported on the progress of this initiative.

"We plan to offer Traditional, Roth and Educational IRAs sometime in 2001. In a recent survey, 25% of Annuity Board respondents indicated they would be very likely to invest in an IRA offered by the Board. These products will be another way our participants can plan to put money aside for the future." Morrison said.

New participants and churches participating in the retirement plans continued its record setting pace for the first six months of 2000. Through the month of June, more than 3,969 new participants and 619 new churches have been added to the Church Annuity Plan. Contributions to retirement plans are up 7.9% for the first six months of the year.

Trustees approved a January 1, 2001 rate increase for participants in the Board's Personal Security Program and Employer Security Program medical plans including Medicare primary plans. The Personal Security Program and smaller groups in the Employer Security Program will receive a 12-month rate increase of 22%. Larger groups in the Employer Security Program will also receive increases for 2001. Notification of the specific increases will be sent to employers before the middle of September.

"A double-digit rate increase is significant for our participants, but it is needed to maintain the integrity of our medical products," said Doug Day, managing director for Insurance Services. "This increase was necessary because of the rising costs of health care and prescription drugs, the high utilization of medical services by our participants and our claim expenses continuing to out-pace our annual premiums."

As of June 30, a total of $2,657,480 was distributed through the Board's Relief programs to needy retired ministers and their widowed spouses. This is an increase of 9% over the first six months of 1999. Money distributed through the Board's Relief program comes from gifts

by individuals, churches and the Cooperative Program. Every cent of Cooperative Program money is used to assist relief recipients. At the end of the first six months of 2000, there were 855 individuals or couples receiving supplemental assistance grants and 2,508 received the $75 Adopt An Annuitant benefit.

North American Mission Board

The breath and depth of the North American mission field is unprecedented. Its vastness is illustrated by the more than 200 million people in the United States and Canada who claim not to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Yet, the depth of North America's lostness is evident when 91% of respondents in a recent survey considered themselves Christian, even though less than one-third said they had been born-again.

Our culture is hungry for truth but is developing its own understanding of a relationship with God. These unprecedented days of opportunity demand the church deliver the gospel truth in every conceivable way.

In coordination with state Baptist conventions, associations, and other Great Commission partners, NAMB has developed strategies and resources to help Christians and their churches share the gospel as never before. Some of NAMB's breakthroughs this past year include:

– Establishment of more than 900 Bible study clubs on high school campuses, each averaging more than three students per month making a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

- More than 40,000 people per month are spending an average of eight minutes each with a gospel presentation on one of NAMB's Internet Web sites. This past year thousands made professions of faith through NAMB's Web sites and were referred to local Southern Baptist churches for follow-up.

- Almost 3,000 SBC-endorsed chaplains led 24,000 people to faith in Christ.

- Establishment of the Evangelism Response Center made it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC

churches.
– Special NAMB partnerships enabled us to present the gospel at major sporting and entertainment venues. More than 1,000 professions of faith resulted from our witness at the 1999 NFL Super Bowl in Miami.
– Pregnancy care centers ministered to 25,600 clients, resulting in 2,050 babies born and 53 adoptions, and 1,260 professions of faith. There are 2,188 Southern Baptist churches involved in the Alternatives for Life ministry.
– More than 300 church and community missionaries reported 26,000 professions of faith, and church-based ministry programs increased 20%.

Baptist Hospital

Hospital Continues the Mission

In May of 2000 the North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. celebrated 77 years of regional, national, and international service. During these years the hospital has been faithful to the initial vision of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. When the hospital opened the convention stated the reason for doing so was: to extend the healing ministry which was demonstrated by Jesus Christ. Many challenges have been faced through these years, but the commitment to compassionately strive for innovative excellence has remained the same.

Baptis Benevolent Care Fund

Baptist churches from all across North Carolina joined us in mutual mission through the Mother's Day Offering. This annual ingathering of love was approved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in 1924. In 1999 the MDO amounted to $531,452. These funds were used exclusively to help patients who had minimal or no health care insurance and had no other financial means to pay their hospital bills. From the offering this past year, well over $200,000 was used to assist members of our Baptist churches in North Carolina.

School of Pastoral Care

During the year the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided worship services in Davis Chapel on Monday, Wednesday,

Friday and Sunday as well as services in the J. Paul Sticht Center. Chaplain supervisors, residents and interns made more than 50,000 ministry contacts last year. The Department's fully accredited Clinical Pastoral Education program graduated 65 students.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc., continues to develop its ministries. There are now 16 Christian counseling centers located across the state. The newest center is now open in Greenville and is the staging ground for serving northeast North Carolina. During the year these professionally staffed centers provided 27, 293 hours of Christian counseling, making CareNet the largest pastoral counseling system in the United States.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to develop its mission of helping congregations become healthier communities of faith. Programs andassistance offered to churches include International Interim Ministry, strategic planning, staff and team development, and conflict management. Resources for ministers include: Young Leaders Program, Leadership Development Group, Interim Ministry Training, and Intentional Interim Ministry training. The Center has served an average of 21 North Carolina Baptist congregations a month during the past year.

Facts About Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

– With more than 9,600 employees, we are the largest employer in Forsyth and Guilford counties.

– A Certificate of Need was granted for a 47,000 square foot Downtown Health Plaza to be built replacing the Reynolds Health Center, which provides health care for underserved people in Forsyth and surrounding counties.

– Building strong relationships with the community is important to us. A recent survey indicates that Medical Center employees donate more than 30,000 hours of volunteer service a year to more than 300 different organizations in our area.

– Construction has begun on a 350,000 square foot addition atop Ardmore Tower. This will provide more space for Brenner Children's Hospital as well as additional operating suites and private patient rooms.

Additional Points of Emphasis and Progress

New Dental Program For Indigent Children - Baptist Hospital has

become a major participant in a community partnership to provide dental care for indigent children. NCBH opened a dental clinic on May 8, 2000, where three dentists are treating hundreds of children who previously had little or no access to dental services. Children who had known dental pain as a way of life or who never had routine services because their parents could not afford it, are now being treated.

Physician Excellence - In 1999, 600 physicians in North Carolina were listed among "The Best Doctors in America"; 95 are WFUBMC physicians.

Nursing Excellence - Baptist Hospital was one of the first hospitals in the nation to receive Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing, demonstrating exemplary nursing leadership and quality patient care from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nations's leading nursing credentialing organization.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best - North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., continues to be ranked among America's best hospitals in ten of 16 specialties, according to rankings published in the July 2000 issue of U.S. News & World Report. This ranking reflects the reputation of specialists at NCBH as seen by their peers across the nation.

Newest Treatment for Epilepsy - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center offers a new treatment for epilepsy - a "pacemaker for the brain" that can help control seizures in patients who are not helped by medication and are ineligible for surgery.

Information/Appointments - For more information or to make an appointment with a physician, contact Health-On-Call at 1-800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

A Closing Word From The President

From its dedication on May 28, 1923 to the present, North Carolina Baptist Hospital has been committed to our mission of providing the highest quality health care to our patients and their families in a compassionate, caring manner. This report reflects how our mission and values of excellence, compassion, innovation, and integrity are lived out every day. As a Medical Center we continue to be one of the leading research centers in the United States. We provide a wide array of comprehensive health care, across the spectrum of life, to people with the most severe medical conditions. Most importantly, this care is provided

one person at a time in a way that reflects the Spirit of Christ, whose healing ministry forms our very foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President
The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc.

International Mission Board

It is exciting to share with you an overview of what God is doing through the International Mission Board. As we move into the 21st Century, it is evident that He has allowed us to be a part of the divine movement to reach the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God is working in an amazing way through Southern Baptists and Baptist partners overseas with whom IMP missionaries are affiliated. Last year 363,703 baptisms were reported and 4,748 churches were started on mission fields worldwide. The total membership of overseas Baptist churches exceeded 4.9 million.

Most Southern Baptists would assume that our international mission efforts have always focused on the whole world. After all, isn't that the intent of the Great Commission? Jesus said to go and teach, or disciple all nations. The words He used were "panta ta ethne", meaning literally "all the peoples of the world". We are commanded to preach the gospel to every creature and to be witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth. But until recently the whole world had yet to be targeted with evangelistic strategies.

Channels were found to place Christians in Strategic locations, using their skills in roles not traditional for missionaries, in order to be witnesses. God has been at work to break down barriers in the communist world and call people to plant their lives in countries restricted to traditional "missionaries". Modern-day research has enabled us to identify the ethnic-linguistic segments of the world so that no one is left out.

For the first time the International Mission Board has been organized not just to administer where we have missionaries, but to target the whole world. It is no longer relevant to ask, "In how many countries do we now have missionaries serving?"

For the first time, every nation and every people group is within the mission focus and responsibility of IMB regional strategies. In order to reach the whole world, almost 20 percent of IMB personnel are in sensitive assignments where they cannot be identified as missionaries, where their names cannot be silted on the prayer calendar and where their pictures and news of their work cannot be included in publications.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rankin, International Mission Board

Cooperative Program

"Partners in the Harvest"

It was 75 years ago that God led Southern Baptists to adopt an amazing system of mission support called the Cooperative Program. Not an end in itself, it became a means through which every church could have a part in the larger mission of reaching the lost through our nation and around the world and providing support for denominational ministries.

God has blessed this voluntary means of denominational support, which respects the autonomy of the local church as each one determines the percentage of its gifts which goes beyond its local ministries. It is a means of cooperation between state conventions and the agencies of the S BC in which funding is provided without churches being subjected to competitive appeals.

The annual Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions supplement the Cooperative Program, enabling us to send out the largest number of missionaries of any U.S. evangelistic career missionary-sending agency without their having to raise individual support. State mission offerings provide for church starting and missions outreach in their states and help keep evangelism the focus of who Southern Baptists are.

In this year, 2000, we are celebrating God's blessings in this anniversary year of the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptist are being challenged to give $750 million to the Cooperative Program and these combined mission offerings. That represents a significant goal – but one well within our means.

In 1998 Southern Baptist churches received $7.5 billion in offerings for all causes. More money went toward payments on indebtedness for buildings and facilities than all mission causes combined. An average of 92 percent of all undesignated receipts were kept and used by the local church.

What if we had a vision to work with our state conventions to saturate our states with new churches, a vision to win North America to the Lord and a vision to reach the nations of the world with the gospel? What if we realized how bountifully God has blessed us and were willing to channel our resources as partners to fulfill the Great Commission?

Southern Baptist traditionally have been guilty of an "ends/means" inversion. We often promote the Cooperative Program or focus on the Southern Baptist Convention as if they were ends in themselves. Even the International Mission Board is just a means for serving God's purpose of winning and discipling the nations.

The harvest is accelerating all over the world. We have an unprecedented opportunity to be on mission with God at home and overseas. God has blessed us with resources, but the Cooperative Program and missions offerings are not an end in themselves. They are a channel through which we all can be partners in the harvest.

As Americans revel in unprecedented economic prosperity, it is a time for us as Christians to acknowledge God's blessings in a renewed commitment to biblical stewardship and dedicated giving. This year, we have opportunity to reflect the seriousness of our dedication to God's mission as Southern Baptists.

Each family and church member can be faithful in tithing and giving generously and sacrificially to mission causes. Each church can increase allocations to the Cooperative Program. We all can be partners in the harvest. God will be glorified when we honor His lordship over our wealth and celebrate His blessings as Southern Baptists together.

State Missions

North Carolina Baptists have numerous opportunities to respond to God's call to the harvest field. Many of these are made possible through the North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer.

The 2000 North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer has established the theme "North Carolina Partners in the Harvest". Your partnership in our statewide mission support effort sustains many of the Ministries through which our Lord sends workers to the harvest. By praying, going, and giving, we can reach persons for Christ. The goal for the 2000 NCMO is $2.5 million.

North Carolina Baptists have established themselves as a mission "giving" people. In 1998 North Carolina Baptists gave $49.2 million to mission causes through the Cooperative Program, North Carolina Mission Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. In the year ending September 30, 1999, North Carolina ranked second in the nation in gifts through the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings.

North Carolina Baptists are a missions "going" people. Responding to the tremendous need caused by Hurricane Floyd last year, North Carolina Baptists sent hundreds of disaster recovery work teams to the eastern parts of our state. Having established multi-year partnerships with Alaska, Southern Africa, and the Appalachian Mountain region, we are committed to "going" to these areas to share the gospel of Christ.

North Carolina Baptists are a "praying" people. Undergirding each of our missions and ministries are faithful individuals who lift us up in prayer each day.

Partner with other North Carolina Baptists to pray, go and give in support of the 2000 North Carolina Mission Offering and Week of Prayer. Join us as a "North Carolina Partner in Harvest."

Did You Know?

+ Following Hurricane Floyd, Baptists served 935,787 meals from Disaster Relief units. More than 10,000 volunteers have supported the disaster relief efforts in the last year. Several have been our own church members.

+ There are 75,000 seasonal farm workers in North Carolina.

+ 3.5 million people in North Carolina are un-churched. Gifts to the NC Missions Offering pro-
vide start-up funds for the mission churches, helping them rent a space to meet, buy materials and support a pastor.

+ More than 60,000 girls have attended Camp Mundo Vista, including about 1,500 in 1999.

+ Since 1963, more than 60,000 boys have been challenged to strengthen their Christian walk at Camp Caraway.

+ Among U.S. states, North Carolina ranks third in the growth rate of its Hispanic population.

+ North Carolina has one of the fastest growing Asian populations in the country. Between 1998 and 1999, our state's Asian population increased 87 percent. Most of these people come from a religious background that is not Christian.

+ There are 25,000 people in prisons in our state. Gifts to the NC Missions Offering pay for inmates' course materials in the seminary extension program.

+ There are eight deaf churches in North Carolina.

As you can see, our North Carolina Missions Offering provides support for many ministries through which the Lord of the harvest sends our workers. Each day, pray for these ministries and ask God to send workers to these needs. Consider how He is calling you to respond.

WMU Report

Woman's Missionary Union has been active in the Avery Baptist Association this past year. According to North Carolina WMU records, WMU membership in our association has brown by 19%, and we are very thankful to God for this growth!

In the Fall of 1999, an evening of WMU training was held at Stamey Town Baptist Church. Nine women attended, representing five churches.

On December 2nd, the annual Pastors' & Wives' Christmas Dinner was sponsored by the WMU, at Stamey Town Baptist Church, and approximately 45 people attended. The meal was hosted by the WMU Leadership Team, and a variety of delicious food was provided by ladies of five churches in the association.

The WMU Leadership Team met quarterly this past year for planning and discussion. We were privileged to have Jan High, North Carolina WMU Mission Education Consultant, visit with us at the May 2000 meeting.

The annual meeting of the WMU was held on May 1st, at Elk Park Baptist Church. Missionary Kathy Ollis (Mrs Jack Ollis), of the

International Mission Board, was the guest speaker. A wonderful attendance was recorded at this meeting, with 53 people present, representing 11 churches. Special solos by Becky Sizemore and Karen Magner were enjoyed during the evening. An offering of $138.13 was received, and this was unanimously voted on to be presented to the associational Youth Mission Team, for their mission trip to Myrtle Beach this summer. A time of fellowship and refreshments following the service, was hosted by the ladies of Elk Park Baptist Church. The annual WMU meeting for 2001 will be held at Jonas Ridge Baptist Church.

The associational WMU Leadership Team for 2000-2001 was elected as follows:

WMU Director - Maria Aldridge
Assistant Director - LeNita Platt
Secretary - Hazel Franklin
Women on Mission Consultant - Helen Guinn
Missions Growth Consultant - Becky Sizemore

Three members of the Leadership Team traveled to Fruitland Bible Institute in July for associational leadership training, presented by WMU leaders from the North Carolina WMU office.

WMU exists to promote missions involvement and education. Churches in our association are encouraged to call on the Leadership Team for any assistance needed in these efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Aldridge, WMU Director

Disaster Relief Report

Cecil Trivett, Chairman of the Missions Committee, brought a very detailed and interesting report on the Association's disaster relief efforts. He related to the 1940 flood, the "monster" snow in 1960, and then the 1995 flood, all bringing to the area churches the need for a well-planned program, as well as tools to work with, to help our neighbors in times of these disasters.

Cecil gave an interesting report on the on-going work being done in eastern North Carolina by many of our local church members and pastors, helping people in the Grifton area who lost so much due to

hurricane Floyd in September 1999. Cecil ended by saying, "None of us are perfect, all we can do is our best and I believe that is all God asks of us. We all have flaws but if we try we will be used by God to bring beauty and meaning to other peoples lives."

Director of Missions Report

The local association as we have come to know it is going through a time of significant transition. It is no longer enough for us to try to major on resources, information, promotions and programs. The needs of our people and churches are changing. It is absolutely essential that the local association focus more on ministry-based objectives in the coming years in order to survive.

Our association is doing just that. From associational evangelistic crusades to helping provide a chaplain at Blue Ridge Youth Center; from Vacation Bible School Clinics to Associational Sunday School Conferences; from rebuilding homes in flood stricken eastern North Carolina to remodeling churches in the impoverished Appalachian regions of Kentucky; from starting new churches to providing Christmas presents to underprivileged children – we are doing our part to fulfill the Great Commission.

The past year has been good and it has been busy. But, as you can see from our statistical report, we have a long way to go before we can begin to pat ourselves on the back. When 2,000 of our members don't attend church at all, something is wrong. When 24 churches with a membership of over 3,300 only reach 66 people for Christ, something is wrong.

It's time to right that wrong. In the coming year, your association will be working to increase Sunday School attendance, worship attendance and baptisms in the local churches. We will encourage our churches to extend their ministry by becoming involved in other mission efforts outside the boundaries of our association. We will attempt to improve the fellowship of our association by providing more opportunities to come together as one.

We can accomplish these goals. Day by day, one objective at a time we must work together to do our part, to take God's love and hope to the ones living without!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
2000 - 2001

Moderator.....Rev. Lander Heafner
Vice Moderator.....Rev. Dennis Aldridge
Treasurer.....LeNita Platt
Assistant Treasurer.....Judy Greene
Clerk.....Hazel Franklin
Assistant Clerk.....Lila Vance
Sunday School Director.....Susie Smith
WMU Director.....Maria Aldridge
Baptist Men Director.....Rev. Joe Miller
VBS Director.....Lori Benfield
Evangelism Director.....Rev. Ron Greene
Music Director.....Karen Magner
Pianist.....Doris Aldridge
Youth Director.....Randy Singleton

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Cecil Trivett, Chairman
Chuck Moorefield
Maria Aldridge
Becky Sizemore

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Dennis Church
Lander Heafner
David Anthony
Vice-Moderator serves as Chair

EVANGELISM COM.
Ron Greene, Chairman
Bryan Griffith
Joe Miller
David Burnop

YOUTH COMMITTEE
Dianna Love
Kathy Aldridge
Heather Highman
Randy Singleton

BUDGET & FINANCE
LeNita Platt, Chair.
Ron Greene
Kenny Poteat
Hazel Franklin
Grace Calhoun

RESOLUTIONS COM.
Patsy Carpenter, Chrir.
Ruth Brown

CONSTITUTION COM.
Bill Jones, Chairman
Lander Heafner
Lynn Church

ORDINATION COUNCIL
Rufus Biddix
Bryan Griffith
Conley Huffman

TRUSTEES
Joe B. Perry
Simon Franklin
David Banner

BUILDING & GROUNDS
Roy Woody
Harry Platt
Simon Franklin

AUDITING COM.
James Burleson
Helen Guinn
Bruce Lacey

NOMINATING COM.
Dennis Aldridge
Ruth Brown
Brenda Ollis

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
Sept. 29, 1999 - Sept. 29, 2000

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	35,566.13
Baptist State Convention	5,294.00
Misc. Contributions	2,205.43
(Minute Books, Newsletter Postage, etc.)	
Total Receipts	$43,065.56

DISBURSEMENTS:

100 Key Leadership Organizations	
101 Sunday School	50.00
102 Baptist Men	
103 Evangelism	
104 W M U	262.86
105 V B S	
106 Youth Ministry	
107 Music	240.19
108 Speakers Honorarium	
200 Director of Missions	
201 Salary	9,099.99
202 Social Security	1,170.00
203 Utilities and Housing	3,699.99
300 Operating Expenses	
301 D.O.M. Expense Reimbursement (Travel, Supplies, etc.)	999.96
302 Office Phone	666.10
303 Office Supplies	1,530.77
304 Office Utilities	751.38
305 Newsletter Postage	900.00
306 Secretary	4,896.00
400 Mission Ministries	
401 Prison Chaplaincy (Blue Ridge Youth Center)	1,500.00

402 Resort Ministry.....450.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund.....807.42

500 Miscellaneous Expenses
501 Insurance (Building and Equipment).....677.57
502 Printing of Minutes.....
503 Health Insurance.....6,325.84
504 Building Maintenance.....1,604.90
505 Misc. Expenses.....891.74
506 Convention Expense.....300.00
507 Christmas Gift.....300.00
508 Treasurer.....250.00
509 Clerk.....250.00
510 Property Taxes.....108.45
511 Quarterly Tax Reports.....400.00

Total Disbursements (Oct. 1, 1999 - Sept. 29, 2000).....$38,133.16

Cash on Deposit, Sept. 29, 1999.....6,278.32
Add: Total Receipts for Fiscal Year.....43,065.56
Total.....$49,343.88

Less Total Disbursements.....-38,133.16

Cash on Deposit - Sept. 29, 2000.....$11,210.72

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FLOOD RELIEF REPORT
Oct. 1, 1999 - Sept. 29, 2000

Balance as of Sept. 30, 1999.....13,700.29
Total Disbursements for Fiscal Year.....- 3,245.54
Account Balance as of Sept. 29, 2000.....10,454.75

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET - 2000 - 2001

100 KEY LEADERSHIP	PRESENT	PROPOSED
101 Sunday School.....	250.00	150.00
102 Baptist Men.....	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism.....	500.00	500.00
104 WMU.....	400.00	400.00
105 VBS.....	100.00	100.00
106 Youth Ministry.....	400.00	500.00
107 Music.....	50.00	200.00
108 Speakers Honorarium.	200.00	300.00
	1,950.00	2,200.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary.....	9,100.00	9,100.00
202 Social Security.....	1,170.00	1,170.00
203 Utilities & Housing...	3,700.00	4,100.00
	13,970.00	14,370.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 DOM Expense Reimb..	1,000.00	1,400.00
302 Office Telephone.....	600.00	800.00
303 Office Supplies.....	2,950.00	1,800.00
304 Office Equipment.....	New	1,500.00
305 Office Utilities.....	1,000.00	850.00
306 Newsletter Postage.....	500.00	600.00
307 Secretary.....	4,000.00	5,600.00
	10,050.00	12,550.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
402 Resort Ministry.....	1,000.00	500.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund....	1,200.00	1,200.00
	3,700.00	3,200.00

BUDGET - (CONT.)

500 MISC. EXPENSE		
501 Insurance (Equip & Bldg.)	650.00	700.00
502 Printing of Minutes....	400.00	200.00
503 Health Insurance.....	5,900.00	8,100.00
504 Bldg. Maintenance.....	800.00	800.00
505 Misc. Expense.....	200.00	200.00
506 Convention Exp.	400.00	400.00
507 Christmas Gift.....	300.00	400.00
508 Treasurer.....	250.00	250.00
509 Clerk.....	250.00	250.00
510 Property Taxes.....	200.00	200.00
511 Quarterly Tax Reports.	400.00	400.00
512 Christmas Gift, Sec"y.	New	200.00
	9,750.00	12,100.00
TOTALS:	39,420.00	44,420.00

89th ANNUAL SESSION
CRANBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2000

The annual meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association was called to order, at 3:00 pm, by Rev. Lander Heafner, Moderator. A congregational hymn, "Love Lifted Me", was led by Karen Magner, Music Director, and Doris Aldridge, pianist. A welcome was extended by Rev. David Burnop, pastor of the host church, followed by prayer.

The program was presented for adoption by Rev. Dennis Aldridge, which was accepted with a unanimous vote. This was followed by a roll call of churches by Hazel Franklin, Clerk, noting that 18 associational churches were represented, with a total of 68 messengers present.

Under Miscellaneous Business, Rev. Josh Dobson was introduced as a new pastor in the Association. Rev. Dobson was ordained, and called to preach in August of this year, by Sugar Mountain Baptist Church. Announcements were then made by the Associational Music Director, Karen Magner, that there would be an Associational 5th Sunday Night Singing on October 29th, at Crossnore Baptist Church, at 6:00 pm, followed by a time of fellowship. She encouraged choirs and groups from all the churches to plan a time of participation. Maria Aldridge then announced that dates have been confirmed, with the Baptist State Convention, for the Associational World Missions Conference, for the first week-end of April, 2002. Rev. Heafner then spoke on the need to support the organization ACADA - Avery Citizens Against Domestic Abuse.

Special music was provided by Tess McNabb, singing two uplifting gospel songs. Following this, Rev. Robert Hefner, career missionary to Brazil, brought the Mission Message, using scripture from Romans 10:9-15, Acts 9:15 & 16, and II Tim.1:6. Rev. Joe Miller then led in a special prayer relating to this message and

ministry.

Prior to Associational Reports, Karen Magner led the congregation in a hymn, "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There". Reports given were the Treasurer's Report and Budget and Finance Committee Report, by LeNita Platt, Treasurer; the Nominating Committee Report, by Maria Aldridge, Chairman; and, the Memorials Report, by Hazel Franklin, Clerk. All of these reports were submitted with a motion to adopt, and they were voted and approved unanimously. The Moderator led in a special prayer, following the Memorials Report.

Mrs. Grace Calhoun, member of Cranberry Baptist Church, gave a very interesting history of this church, and this was submitted to be placed in the minutes of this meeting.

The Missions Committee Chairman, Cecil Trivette, brought a very detailed report on Disaster Recovery efforts that had been carried out this year, working along with the Missions team in Mitchell Association. He gave an enlightening account of the property damage caused by Hurricane Floyd, in eastern part of North Carolina, and the response from men and women from the two Associations in working with The N.C. Baptist Men to help these people in rebuilding.

Rev. Whetstine introduced Rev. Randy Bonner to present the State Missions report. Rev. Bonner is a new pastor in Spruce Pine, and has been instrumental in starting two new churches in that area.

The congregation was led in a hymn by Karen Magner, followed by a special solo by Becky Sizemore.

Rev. Ron Green, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, delivered the annual sermon, and he used scripture from Luke 15: 1, 7,8 & 10, and II Cor. 2:14, giving encouragement and exhortation to all in attendance.

Everyone was then dismissed with prayer and blessing for the evening meal, which was provided by the host Church.

EVENING SESSION:

The Moderator called the evening session to order at 7:00 pm, and Karen Magner led in opening hymn. Rev. Steve Glenn read scripture from Acts 2:1 & 2, and Phillipians 1:27, and led in prayer.

A roll call of churches was made by Hazel Franklin, and the Moderator called for miscellaneous business and Election of Officers. Three new members were elected to the Nominating Committee. They were Doris Aldridge, Cecil Crawford and LeNita Platt. The position of Youth Director had not been filled, at this date, and the name of Randy Singleton was presented and approved to this position. Rev. Heafner then announced that the Youth of Crossnore Baptist Church would be presenting a Halloween Alternative production at the church, and asked all churches to encourage their youth to attend.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine gave the Director of Missions report, entitled "The Good, the Bad and the Future", and using scripture from Nehemiah 6.

Rev. Dennis Aldridge gave an enthusiastic report on the Kentucky Mission Project, and stressed involvement using scripture from Ezekiel.

Karen Magner led the congregation in a hymn, and followed by leading the Associational Choir in special music.

Rev. Joe Drum of Denver, NC, gave an inspiring "Challenge Message", entitled "Harvest 2000", and encouraged all to pray for Laborers in God's harvest. He used scripture from John 5: 24-30.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm, with a closing prayer.

THE HISTORY OF CRANBERRY BAPTIST CHURCH

The Cranberry Baptist Church was built in the early 1900's, by the men of the community, on the Southeast side of US Highway 19-E, 0.8 of a mile from junction US 19-E and Hwy. 194 in Cranberry. The property was owned by the Cranberry Iron and Coal Company and the company furnished materials and oversaw the building of the church. The Church was dedicated in 1907, and was named The Cranberry Union Church. It had two lovely stained glass windows, a beautiful steeple and bell, and excellent acoustics due to the eighteen feet high sanctuary ceiling.

It was a community church and all faiths were welcome. A minister of a different faith preached each Sunday in the month. The schedule was: 1st Sunday - Baptist; 2nd Sunday - Methodist; 3rd Sunday - Christian; 4th Sunday - Presbyterian; and, every 5th Sunday - Holiness. Other faiths were also allowed to fill the pulpit as requested. Some of the ministers of the Union Church were James W. Whitaker, Baptist; Bloom Vestal, J. C. Price and a Mr. Lee, Methodist circuit riders; Hardy Tolley, Geter Calhoun and Hester Bunton, Holiness; and William Webb, African-American minister.

The church was built in Victorian style with an open porch, and it stood on brick pilings. Sunday School classrooms were added to the back of the church in 1915. Later classrooms were completed in the basement, and in 1956 more classrooms were built on the west side of the church, under the leadership of pastors Victor Trivette and H. H. Ruppe.

A white picket fence was placed in front of the church when first built to match those in front of all the homes in the company town. In 1931, Mr. Brown Ollis erected a stone archway and had a hedge planted on either side. This was in place for over 60 years, and in 1997 a dump truck knocked down the archway and the hedge was cut down and replaced again with a white picket fence.

The Cranberry Union Church had a very active Men's Bible Class, taught by Mr. Fin Hughes. There also was a very active Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. Bessie Dean Mackie was the Sunday School Superintendent for many years, as was later Mr. Brown Ollis.

The pastors of the church before it became The Cranberry Baptist Church, were Mr. D. A. Green, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. S. W. Hall, Mr. Julius Henline, Mr. James Whitaker, Mr. Tommy Deaton, Mr. Roby Painter, Mr. Bob Campbell, Mr. J. C. Brown, and Mr. Spencer McCloud.

During the depression, in the 1930's, the Cranberry Iron and Coal Company closed , and the company was later sold to the Tennalina Corporation. After some time, that corporation sold the company and the community property (including the church), to Mr. John A. Taylor and his wife, Estelle, of Spruce Pine, NC.

The Baptist membership of the Cranberry Union Church organized in 1908, and continued taking their turn having services in the church until 1945. On July 23, 1945, John A. and Estelle Taylor sold the church property to the following trustees of The Cranberry Baptist Church: O. L. Wright, Waits Ollis, E. L. McCoury, J. C. Brown, G. S. Henson, Elzie Reece, and B. H. Nicely, for the sum of $10.00. In the deed, the right was reserved for other faiths to hold funerals and meetings of other kinds with consent of the Trustees. The membership of the church in 1945 was 82. The membership, including resident and non-resident) grew rapidly in the late 1940's, under the pastorates of Victor Trivette, Frank Brown, and Ben Wood. By the mid 1950's the membership hovered around 150. Pastors during this time were Clarence Buchanan, Victor Trivette (2nd tenure), H. H. Ruppe and Erbie McKinney. Membership continued to grow in the 1960's and fluctuated between 180-190 members. This was under the ministry of Robert Davis, Raymond Turbyfill and Lloyd T. Ramsey. In the seventies, membership averaged 190, and reached an all-time high of 200. Pastors in the seventies were Raymond Turbyfill, Harry

Lee Turbyfill, Clarence Smith (full-time pastor), and Lloyd Hoilman. The pastors who ministered in the eighties were Lloyd Hoilman, Ronnie Reece, David Burnop, Harry Lee Turbyfill and Burl Grindstaff. Rev. Grindstaff served as full-time pastor for 9 years. His health did not allow him to fill the pulpit regularly in his last two years. During that time, and after he resigned June 22, 1997, Mr. Roy L. Ollis, Sr., a layman, kept the services going. On October 19, 1997, David Burnop was again elected pastor, and currently serves the membership.

The church has been very active over the years in meeting the needs of all age groups of the membership. A Women's Missionary Union (WMU) was begun in 1959, by Nelle McCoury, Director. Some years later it was discontinued but was reinstated in January of 1999 by Director Grace Calhoun. The Baptist Training Union was organized in 1948, but discontinued some time later. It was reinstated in 1981, and today functions as the Youth Group on Sunday nights. A nursery was begun in 1960, and a Young Married Women's class was started in 1988.

The church has undergone many physical changes over its' nearly one hundred year history. In addition to Sunday School classrooms already mentioned, the porch as enclosed in 1962. In 1957 the driveway around the church was completed. In 1963, carpet was installed, and in 1972, new carpet and new pews were installed. In 1970, the front of the church was underpinned and restrooms were built. Siding was placed on the church in 1979. Over the years, the sanctuary was paneled and celotex ceiling added. New lighting was installed, a handicap entrance was made in the rear, basement classrooms were refurbished, a new furnace added, and new concrete steps were poured in the front. A kitchen and library were added in 1999, and a new parking lot in June 2000. As proud as we are of these physical accomplishments over the years, our praise and thanks to God are for the spiritual blessings, He has bestowed upon this little church.

We have had 32 members of this fellowship to enter the ministry

over the years. Many of them were ordained in the church. Our current pastor, David Burnop, grew up in this church. He was baptized March 18, 1979, and was ordained to preach October 26, 1980. We have provided three summer missionaries to the NC Baptist State Missions Board, in the 50's and 60's - Gloria Jean Ollis, Brownell Ollis and Mary Grace Ollis. As you leave the church building, a sign in the vestibule says, "You are now entering the mission field". In January of this year we contributed over $5,000 in money and materials to help build a church in Mexico. We sent 18 people to stay for several days to help with this project.

May the rich, spiritual history of this church continue into the 21st century as a beacon of light for the lost, and a mission of Christian Fellowship for all.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace O. Calhoun

MEMORIALS

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Faye Bradshaw

BIG MEADOWS - Mr. Loy Woody, Mrs. Essie Lee Carpenter

CHESTNUT DALE - Mr. Wade Stamey

CRANBERRY - Mr. Jamie Holtsclaw, Mrs. Margaret McCoury Moore

CROSSNORE FIRST - Mr. Charlie Guinn, Mr. John F. Doan, Mr. Arvel Clark, Mr. Mary Jane Aldridge

ELK PARK FIRST - Miss Julie Markland

FALL CREEK - Mr. Reuben Aaron Parlier, Sr.

JONAS RIDGE - Mrs. Elsie Clark, Mrs. Thelma Beam

LONG RIDGE - Mrs. Dora Johnson, Mrs. Bonnie Church

NEWLAND FIRST - Mr. Harry L. Blackburn, Mr. Patrick P. Holden, Mrs. Rebecca C. Buchanan, Mrs. Eula V. Lecka

OAK GROVE -Mrs.Carmie Clark, Mr.Floyd Beal, Mrs.Mary McCoury

PLEASANT HILL - Mr. Floyd Hoilman, Mrs. Bonnie Ollis, Mrs.Maye Hughes, Mrs. Easter Ollis, Mrs. Jenny Hoilman, Mrs. Desta Lee Woody

PLEASANT VALLEY - Mr. Ernie Turbyfill, Mr. Murphy Hicks

POWDERMILL - Deacon Francis Smith, Mr. James Cook, Mrs. Georgia Buchanan, Mrs. Gladys Cantrell

STAMEYTOWN - Mr. Glenn Vance

YELLOW MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Dixie Pritchard

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
2000 - 2001
2001 - 2002

AARON - ~~Rev. Ken Chester~~ Rev Dennis Hildridge, Mr. Tony Holden, Mr Ed Braddock

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Mr. Eddie Storey, Mrs. Carolyn Church, Mrs. Elizabeth Nunley

BIG MEADOWS - ~~Rev. Harry Lee Turbyfill~~, Mrs. Patsy Carpenter, ~~Mrs Lila Vanee~~ Mrs. Georgia Brather, Mrs Lucille Buchanan

CHESTNUT DALE - Rev. Jerry Burleson, Mr. Conley Huffman, ~~Mr. Jerry Turbyfill~~, Mrs. Glenna Ollis Mrs. Betty Allen

CRANBERRY - Rev. David Burnop, ~~Mrs. Grace Calhoun~~ Mr. Kirk Potter

CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Mrs. Polly Heafner, Mr. Harry Platt, Mrs. LeNita Platt

ELK PARK FIRST - Rev. Clarence Laws, Mr. Elbert McCoury, Mrs. Edith Bolick, Mrs. Jason Houston, Mrs Christine Halbert

FALL CREEK - Rev. Chuck Moorefield, Mr. Cecil Crawford, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Charles Ward

GREEN VALLEY - Rev. Rufus Biddix

JONAS RIDGE - Rev. James Velton Mr. Sam Franklin, Mrs. Virginia Franklin, Mrs. Nellie Singleton, Mr. Russell Singleton.

LONG RIDGE - Rev. Steve Glenn, Mr. David Anthony, Mr. Roy Woody

MINNEAPOLIS - Rev. Bryan Griffith, Mr. Mike Storie, Mr. Champ Young, Mrs. Ruth Young

NEWLAND FIRST - Dr. Bill Jones

OAK GROVE - Rev. Ron Greene, ~~Mr. Lance Huffman~~, ~~Mrs. Mildred Huffman~~

MESSENGERS (CONT.)

PILGRIM - Rev. Donald Gragg

PINEOLA - Rev. Joe Miller, ~~Mrs. Brenda Ollis~~, Mrs. Rebecca Sizemore

PLEASANT HILL - Rev. Rodney Millsaps, Mr. Andrew Taylor, Mrs. Brenda Taylor, ~~Mrs. Ruth Brown~~, Mr. Leonard Staton, Mrs. Jessie Staton

PLEASANT VALLEY - Mrs. Frankie Bare, Mr. Harry Gwyn, Mrs. Helen Gwyn

POWDERMILL - Rev. Harold Dellinger, Mrs. Florence Dellinger

STAMEYTOWN - Rev. ~~Dennis Aldridge~~, Mr. Simon Franklin, Mrs. Hazel Franklin, Mr. ~~David Lee~~ Dellinger

SUGAR MOUNTAIN - Rev. Josh Dobson, Mr. David Banner, Mrs. Louise Banner, Mr. Ross Church, Mrs. Billie Church

VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strahan, Mrs. Henry Strahan, Mr. Joe B. Perry, Mrs. Clara Perry

WHITES MEMORIAL - ~~Mr. Jeffery Vance~~, ~~Mrs. Pam Stephens~~

YELLOW MOUNTAIN - Rev. Jude Hughes

Statistical Tables

MEMBER AND CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership 4-Other Additions 7-Year Pastor Came
2-Resident members 6-Year Organized 9-AM Worship Service

Congregation	1	2	4	6	7	9
Aaron	95	0	2	1849	1999	100
Beech Mt.	209	82	3	1869	1996	45
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	65	60	4	1903	0	42
Cranberry	75	75	9	1907	1997	60
Crossnore	500	430	17	1907	1983	334
Elk Park	72	50	4	1917	1993	32
Fall Creek	171	86	0	1885	1990	65
Green Valley	37	32	3	1897	0	30
Jonas Ridge	196	107	0	1887	1999	51

Long Ridge	50	40	0	1945	2000	25
Minneapolis	134	0	8	1887	1996	117
Newland,First	464	397	15	1921	1983	220
Oak Grove	286	279	8	1900	1999	140
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	98	64	4	1912	1994	50
Pleasant Hill	254	215	0	1905	1991	44
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	1893	0	23
Powdermill	98	98	4	1914	1991	102
Stamey Town	54	18	0	1947	1998	20
Sugar Mt.	48	0	0	1950	2000	30
Valley haven	36	24	3	1948	0	30
Whites Mem.	106	106	2	1949	0	40
Yellow Mtn.	147	0	0	0	2000	45
Assoc. Totals	3195	2163	86	0	0	1645

MISSION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

29-Co-Op Program 31-State Miss. 33-Lottie Moon 35-Other SBC Miss.
30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Miss. 36-Total Miss. Expenditures

Congregation	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Aaron	4800	2100	0	666	1755	6032	1890	17243
Beech Mt.	1617	2279	2000	0	1050	0	0	6946
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	500	500	500	0	500	0	498	2498
Cranberry	0	1812	873	539	49	125	0	3398
Crossnore	41360	11178	7554	2127	4800	2000	7720	76739
Elk Park	522	195	229	114	0	0	295	1355
Fall Creek	1260	1320	225	1909	3165	1628	5987	15494
Green Valley	0	300	183	0	217	0	5500	6200
Jonas Ridge	2700	797	1912	110	133	0	3950	9602

Long Ridge	1895	600	200	0	200	0	0	2895
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	623	9000	9623
Newland,First	3200	3200	5060	0	2958	0	12500	26918
Oak Grove	6000	2100	500	2000	2500	0	11015	24115
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	6100	900	527	797	1700	155	0	10179
Pleasant Hill	0	2461	820	3635	12924	1640	14761	36241
PleasantVal.	987	435	0	50	50	0	0	1522
Powdermill	0	1200	60	0	120	0	0	1380
Stamey Town	954	477	182	552	205	626	400	3396
Sugar Mt.	0	1133	0	374	455	0	0	1962
Valley haven	0	977	977	0	0	353	1732	4039
Whites Mem.	229	315	0	0	755	755	1100	3154
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	72,124	34,279	21,802	12,873	33,536	13,937	76,348	264,899

BAPTISM INFORMATION

Items Reported:

3-Total Baptisms 3b-(6-8) 3d-(12-17) 3f-(30-59)
3a- (under-6) 3c-(9-11) 3e-(18-29) 3g-(60-up)

Congregation	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Crossnore	11	0	2	5	2	0	1	1
Elk Park	12	0	3	2	1	5	1	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	4	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Newland,First	5	0	0	1	1	1	2	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
PleasantVal.	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Powdermill	5	0	3	0	0	2	0	0
Stamey Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley haven	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Whites Mem.	5	0	1	1	0	0	1	2
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	55	0	14	9	6	14	8	4

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. En. 15b (6-11) 15d (18-24) 15f (35-54) 15h General Off. 16 Average Weekly S.S. Att.
15a (Birth-5) 15c (12-17) 15e (25-34) 15g (55-up) 15i Other 18 VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	18
Aaron	94	8	0	2	5	10	15	50	4	25	60	0
Beech Mt.	56	6	9	7	10	8	11	15	1	0	45	51
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	60	8	5	3	6	5	18	13	0	0	35	48
Cranberry	53	5	14	4	2	5	12	11	0	0	53	18
Crossnore	415	27	42	48	32	58	104	100	4	0	235	165
Elk Park	0	0	6	8	3	0	3	13	2	0	32	30
Fall Creek	89	6	3	6	0	10	40	24	0	15	68	31
Green Valley	34	2	4	4	1	3	7	10	3	0	27	39
Jonas Ridge	76	9	9	10	0	0	11	37	0	0	58	55

Long Ridge	0	2	2	5	0	3	10	4	0	0	26	45
Minneapolis	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	125
Newland,First	225	15	15	20	15	35	40	80	5	0	130	65
Oak Grove	123	29	20	4	21	7	15	27	2	0	88	57
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	45	0	0	4	0	0	21	20	0	0	40	45
Pleasant Hill	100	4	5	5	10	6	11	24	3	0	68	51
PleasantVal.	23	4	2	0	0	3	2	12	0	0	23	0
Powdermill	98	10	14	5	9	10	36	14	0	0	64	80
Stamey Town	30	0	3	2	0	4	0	18	3	0	22	0
Sugar Mt.	56	3	12	2	0	7	8	25	0	0	32	45
Valley haven	22	0	4	1	0	6	6	5	4	0	20	0
Whites Mem	40	3	2	4	6	6	6	10	7	0	30	40
Yellow Mtn.	35	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	1764	146	171	144	120	186	376	512	38	40	1227	990

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. En. 19b (6-11) 19d (18-24) 20-Short Term 20b (6-11) 20d (Adults & Gen. Officers)
19a (Birth-5) 19c (12-17) 19e (25-34) 20a (Birth-5) 20c (12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	20	0	0	0	19	1	0	0	0	0	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	70	6	15	10	35	4	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	91	13	14	12	50	2	20	0	0	0	20
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	40	1	2	3	30	4	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stamey Town	5	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mt.	20	2	8	2	10	6	0	0	0	0	0
Valley haven	9	0	1	0	8	2	9	0	1	8	2
Whites Mem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	255	22	43	27	152	21	20	0	1	8	22

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION

Items Reported:

23-Total WMU 23b (6-11) 23d (18-up) 24-Total Brotherhood En 24b (12-17) 24d-Miss. Action
23a (Birth-5) 23c (12-17) 23e (WMU Ldrship) 24a (6-11) 24c (18-up)

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d
Aaron	25	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	32	0	0	0	30	2	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	90	10	8	11	53	8	40	8	10	22	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	8	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	20	1	3	2	21	3	8	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	20	0	0	0	20	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	15	0	0	0	15	0	5	0	0	5	0
Pleasant Hill	15	0	2	0	10	3	7	4	3	0	0
PleasantVal.	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stamey Town	4	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	234	11	13	191	17	64	12	13	27	22	0

GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undesignated Gifts
27-Designated Gifts
28-Other Receipts
29-Total Receipts

Congregation	26	27	28	29
Aaron	95,587	14,433	4,275	114,295
Beech Mt.	34,290	2,471	598	37,359
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	24,945	0	0	24,945
Cranberry	25,940	3,334	0	29,279
Crossnore	316,139	54,326	2,037	372,502
Elk Park	10,434	1,568	23	12,025
Fall Creek	46,571	8,430	93	55,094
Green Valley	19,031	7,763	0	26,794
Jonas Ridge	24,900	800	0	25,700

Long Ridge	17,206	443	0	17,649
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	363,852	124,000	0	487,852
Oak Grove	121,215	59,419	2,243	182,877
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0
Pineola	51,000	0	0	51,000
Pleasant Hill	82,649	4,244	0	86,893
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	50,605	41,602	0	92,207
Stamey Town	18,755	0	0	18,755
Sugar Mt.	23,129	1,163	800	25,092
Valley haven	24,905	0	0	24,905
Whites Mem	27,281	6,504	0	33,785
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	1,378,434	330,500	10,069	1,719,008

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

21-Total Music Enrollment 21b (6-11) 21d (18-up)
21a(3-5) 21c (12-17) 21e Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Aaron	24	0	0	0	24	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	115	0	16	29	50	20
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	34	1	2	5	26	0
Green Valley	16	0	10	2	13	0
Jonas Ridge	24	0	0	5	19	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	77	4	10	20	25	12
Newland,First	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	52	0	9	1	32	10
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	12	0	0	0	12	0
Pleasant Hill	34	0	6	3	25	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	52	4	5	1	25	17
Stamey Town	10	0	3	0	0	0
Sugar Mt.	10	0	0	0	8	6
Valley Haven	22	0	4	1	17	0
Whites Mem	21	2	2	4	8	3
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	503	11	58	71	284	68

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

AVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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OCTOBER 5, 2001

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH
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OCTOBER 4, 2001

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We the affiliated Southern Baptist Churches of Avery County and one of Burke County, to facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel, to provide a medium of cooperation and recognize our interdependence and our dependence upon our Lord Jesus Christ; but in no case presume to direct or control the cooperative churches in reference to their government of internal policy; do hereby purpose to establish and maintain an Avery Southern Baptist Association in accordance with the following plan:

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. It is the purpose of the association to provide an organization for the Southern Baptist Churches affiliated with it.
Section 2. To encourage them to faithfulness in every endeavor which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Section 3. To encourage them in the support of the association, Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptist Convention.
Section 4. To cultivate a friendly and helpful union among the affiliated churches for their mutual benefit; and to engage in cooperative endeavors which the individual churches might be unable to accomplish alone.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of those churches represented by duly elected messengers for the annual meeting and representation elected by the local church to represent in other endeavors, from their membership, affiliated through prayerful and financial support of the body, known as the Avery Baptist Association - and:

a. Faith and practice of member churches shall harmonize with generally accepted articles of faith of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

b. Maintain affiliation by a letter of report to the annual associational meeting.

c. Financial support is vital to carry on work through the associational body and the ongoing ministries of the churches working together. A suggested goal of three (3) percent of the financial receipts of the cooperating churches is suggested as a minimum contribution.

Section 2. Each church having resident membership of one hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger.

Section 3. The pastors who are members or who are laboring in connection with said church.

Section 4. The duly elected officers of the association.

Section 5. The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

Section 1. The Baptist churches, which have petitioned for membership, been examined by the duly designated committee of this body, presented before the association, and by a vote of the association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose of the undertaking of the body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches.

Section 2. The vote of the association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but not bind them in any way; yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body, it may justly acclaim for itself, for objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Section 2. There shall be a membership, Constitution, By-laws and study committee consisting of the Director of Missions, Moderator and three (3) others elected annually.
Section 3. This committee shall examine withdrawals of affiliation of any churches to the Avery Southern Baptist Association.
Section 4. Any church desiring membership with the association shall place their request with the above stated committee. The committee will in turn inform the executive committee at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting about the request. When the Executive Committee has taken action on the request of the church, it shall be presented to the association in the annual meeting.
Section 5. Should any church disqualify itself by practice or doctrines contrary to those of the association, as stated in Article III on membership, or fail to represent itself by messenger or letter more than two (2) consecutive sessions without reason, or threats with contempt the objectives and requirements of the association, the association may dissolve connection with such church. This may be done by action taken in the Executive Committee.
Section 6. Any issue once presented to the association in regular session,
after coming through the related committee and Executive Committee, being voted upon, must have a period of two (2) years of waiting before being presented again.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist their attendance at all sessions of the given associational meeting.
Section 2. It shall be the duty of the church to have their associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing. The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the association fourteen (14) days prior to the time for the annual meeting.
Section 3. It shall be the duty of each church to prayerfully uphold and financially support the association work.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association will be held annually on the first Friday of the month of October unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the association.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice- moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, Music Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed. These officers shall be members of the affiliated Baptist churches and the duly elected various organizations, subject to the approval of the association.
Section 2. Their active term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body, unless herein after or before stated.
Section 3. It is suggested two (2) years of service be encouraged, and even longer would be advantageous to the

association work, unless contrary to specifications otherwise stated in this document.

(A) MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to act;

1. In an executive capacity of all meetings according to the principles of a presiding officer.
2. As ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise specified.
3. The term of the moderator shall not exceed two (2) years in succession, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one (1) year.

(B) VICE-MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the moderator to serve as presiding officer. The Vice-Moderator will function in other capacities necessary to association work, if the moderator is unable to perform, or as requested. This includes completion of term, due to resignation.

1. Will serve as chairman of the program committee.

(C) CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and, together with a publishing committee with shall consist of a moderator and two other appointed members of the association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body.

1. Attendance of the Executive Committee meetings is encouraged at all times, or arrangements for coverage.

(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: Assist the clerk in all tasks; and will function in the absence of the clerk, or at any time the clerk is unable to perform.

(E) TREASURER: As Treasurer, he or she shall keep records of all funds coming into his or her possession, and an account of all disbursements.

1. Give a printed monthly and annual financial report.
2. Provide records for a yearly audit.
3. Serve with the finance committee.

(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall be prepared for and function in the absence of the treasurer, or any time the latter is unable to perform.

(G) HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the association.
(H) PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall guide the business of the Association, as called upon, through interpretation of the guidelines set forth and specified in the constitution and/or By-laws. If not specified therein, then in accordance the Robert's Rules of Order.
Section 4. The various heads of organizations, namely Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Chairman of Evangelism and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed shall preside over the activities of these ministries and promote the working of the same.
Section 5. The Director of Missions shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
(A) The officers of the association.
(B) The pastor of each church, who is a member of, or laboring in connection with, said church and one lay member of the church.
(C) Two lay members, nominated and elected by the church who does not have a pastor or member to represent them.
(D) The name of the lay members of the Executive Committee, elected by their respective churches, shall be reported to the association in the church letter of report, for the annual meeting. They shall take office in like manner, as other members.
(E) This committee shall meet quarterly as prescribed by the associational calendar activities.
(F) The Executive Committee shall be authorized to hold special meetings if needed, upon call of the Moderator, or in the Moderator's absence the Vice-Moderator, or the Director of Missions. Notice must be given to each member church and associational executive officers one week in advance for any special meeting.
This committee shall submit full report of its work to the

association at each session.
Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding on the association (subject to their approval at the annual session), together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual association budget.
Section 3. The Associational Council shall be composed of the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Missions Committee, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, Stewardship Director, and the Director of Missions, who will serve as chairman of the Associational Council. The duties of the Associational Council are:
1. To promote all work of the association.
2. To prepare a calendar of activities. If any cancellations take place after dates have been approved and placed in the printed calendar, it will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the Program Committee (Vice-Moderator) to see that proper notice has been mailed to the churches.
Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members, including the Treasurer. The five (5) others will be recommended by the nominating committee. No church shall have more than one(1) representative. Two (2) of the five (5) nominated will rotate off at one time and three (3) the next rotation time.
(A) It is recommended the members of the Finance Committee serve at lest two (2) years and longer, if approved, not to exceed five (5) years without a lapse of at least one (1) year of service.
(B) This committee will be responsible for preparation and recommendation of an early Associational Budget after contact with chairmen of committees, directors, the Director of Missions and awareness of office needs to perpetuate the Avery Southern Baptist Association work, then presented through associational procedure.

(C) This committee shall assist in other financial needs and, when called upon, function in such matters.

Section 5.

(A)The Nominating Committee will consist of Avery Baptist Associational key leaders, which include the following: Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Mission Committee Chairman, plus three members to be elected at the annual meeting. The Moderator and Director of Missions shall be ex-officio members.

(B) The duties of the committee shall be to elect a chairman and to bring nominations for all the general officers of the Avery Baptist Association; all department heads, standing and rotating committees, representatives of the denominational agencies and institutions, and General Board representative (who serves a four (4) year term unless completing a term due to resignation).

(C) They shall contact all those to be recommended to fill offices before their names are to be presented.

(D) In event that any office becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Executive Committee.

(E) This committee shall have additional members as the need arises.

Section 6. Program Committee shall consist of three (3) members including the Vice-Moderator who shall be chairman. They shall contact all those to be on the program and inform those to give reports. This committee shall be recommended to the Nominating Committee.

Section 7. Trustee Committee shall be composed of three (3) persons. They shall have the responsibility of holding the deeds for associational property, signing any notes, mortgages, or other legal documents pertaining to the property of the association. They shall meet at the call of any need in reference to their job.

Section 8. The Ordination Advisory Committee shall be composed of six (6) members who shall act in an advisory capacity for churches or for ministerial students seeking ordination counseling. The committee shall assist in the

ordination of candidates for the ministry only after their call to some specific position in Christian service, and shall refrain from announcing the date for ordination until after the Advisory Committee approval of the candidate.

Section 9. The Properties Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to care for all physical properties of the association. This includes such items as repair and maintenance, insurance property improvement, office and other equipment and long range planning for development and the like.

Section 10. The Membership, Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee shall be composed of three (3) members who are responsible for the examination of the affiliation and/or withdrawal of any church in the Avery Baptist Association. The committee will bring to the association body, through required channels, the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as needs arise.

Section 11. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to examine all financial records and then bring its report to the association.

Section 12. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of two (2) members whose duty it shall be to present to the association such resolutions as they deem in order, or which may be referred to them.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting provided such an alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the morning session and acted upon at the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed, in as far as applicable, in the governing of the Avery Southern Baptist Association, where not otherwise specified by the Constitution or By-Laws.

Amendment I

The Executive Committee shall meet three times yearly instead of Quarterly.

Executive Committee Reports

January 15, 2001

The Executive Committee of Avery Baptist Association met for its quarterly meeting on Monday, January 15, 2001, at Chestnut Dale Baptist Church, at 7:00 pm. Moderator, Rev. Lander Heafner called the meeting to order, and Rev. Jerry Burleson, Pastor of the host church, read scripture and led in prayer.

Clerk, Hazel Franklin made the roll call of churches, with 9 represented and 17 messengers present. The financial report was given by Daniel Whetstine. WMU Director, Maria Aldridge, gave her report, announcing planned meetings for the year.

Rev. Whetstine announced the associational Vacation Bible School Clinic would be held on Tuesday, February 27th, at Minneapolis Baptist Church. He also stated that the Youth Back-Yard Missions trip, for the summer, is being planned by Diana Love.

The Evangelism Committee report was given by Rev. Ron Greene, followed by the Director of Missions' report given by Rev. Whetstine.

Under new business, Rev. Heafner gave a report on the property at Beech Mountain, as to what could or could not be done with it. Rev. Ron Greene made the suggestion that the Association think about inviting a Spanish-speaking person to

some of the meetings, in the future, and asked Maria Aldridge to help in this. Rev. Whetstine reported that the church in Phelps, KY, was very grateful for all we had helped them with, and they requested prayer for their efforts in getting a youth center built.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Ron Greene.

April 19, 2001

Members of the Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 19, at Yellow Mountain Baptist Church, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, and he asked the pastor of the host church, Rev. Jude Hughes, to read scripture and lead in prayer. The roll call was made, showing five churches were represented with 13 messengers present.

The following items were discussed or voted on:

1 - A motion was made and adopted to accept a 10' x 6' closed trailer, donated by "Cooking for Christ", to start a "Handy-Man Ministry" in our association.

2 - To start a fund to go toward the purchase of a new printer for the office, in the future.

3 - To purchase a small copier for the association office for small printing jobs and individual copies.

4 - Discussion was also made concerning the landscaping needs around the office.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Josh Dobson.

June 12, 2001

The regular quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Lander Heafner, at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 12th, at Sugar Mountain Baptist Church. Pastor of the host church, Rev. Josh Dobson, read scripture and led in prayer. Clerk, Hazel Franklin, called the roll of churches, showing eight churches were represented by 14 messengers.

Under new business, Rev. Daniel Whetstine proposed the churches adopt the Home Missions Board's campaign "Light Up The Nation", in starting new churches, this was adopted as stated.

He then asked the pastors to remember and promote the upcoming Evangelism Rally scheduled for September 16th - 19th. (This date had to be changed later to October 8th - 10th. This will be held at Crossnore First Baptist. He then announced that the association had been in contact with David Braswell concerning purchasing a portion of the property next to the association office. He then stated that NC Baptist Men had called for volunteers to help in the clean-up in West Virginia, due to the recent flooding there.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel Franklin, Clerk

Annuity Board

The Annuity Office of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in partnership with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention provides services related to retirement planning, financial support of ministers and other church employees, life and health insurance, ministry to seminary/divinity students, and church/clergy tax issues. These services are provided in a variety of ways to churches and church employees.

As a result of an expanded mission statement and two new ministry assignments given to the Annuity Board in 2000, the year 2001 is proving to be one of transition. Specifically, much of the Board's work during 2001 has focused on preparing to offer personal investing and institutional investments with the accompanying need for all the investment funds to be registered during this year. Despite a disappointing year in the financial markets, ten of fourteen Annuity Board investment funds out-performed their benchmark for the year. More specifically, all six equity funds and all four blended funds exceeded benchmark returns while all four fixed income select funds under-performed.

Insurance continues to be one of the greatest challenges as the Annuity Board continually seeks to maintain viable products for participants. New insurance products and services have been developed and plans outlined for implementation. Two new Medicare supplement plans were

designed and implemented. The Annuity Board paid more than $139 million insurance benefits last year.

The Endowment Ministry, designed to give support to retired ministers, denominational employees and their widows with special needs, enjoyed a banner year. The relief ministry reached a record monetary level as $5.3 million was distributed to needy retired ministers and widows. Guidelines for the Adopt An Annuitant ministry were revised to allow more applicants to qualify for the gift.

As of May 31, 2001, there were 4,842 active participants in the retirement plan with 62% of our North Carolina churches participating. The number of persons receiving retirement benefits has increased to 2,815 with another 361 being assisted through the Adopt An Annuitant ministry plan.

It is our strong desire to serve all of our churches, ministers, and church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102, extension 174, visit our Web site at or call the Annuity Board at 1-800-262-0511 or visit the Annuity Board Web site at

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross, Senior Consultant

Baptist Retirement Homes

Founded in 1951, Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc. (BRH) is one of North Carolina s most respected providers of long-term care. With four retirement communities throughout the state, BRH provides all levels of care for Older Adults, including special programs for conditions such as Alzheimers' Disease. The Homes' new continuing care retirement community called the Gardens of Taylor Glen is under development near Charlotte. BRH also owns and operates a home health program that provides certified nursing and therapy services to homebound individuals. Baptist Retirment Homes is a not-for-profit organization affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

At the Brookridge Community, 60% of the resident population is Baptist. About 80% of the resident population of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home is Baptist. The Taylor House and the Hamilton Baptist Home are primarily composed of Baptist residential populations.

Fees vary according to facilities and the level of care chosen or required by residents. A full schedule of fees for each facility is available upon request. There are no entrance fees associated with any of the health-related facilities owned by Baptist Retirement Homes. The Hamiliton Baptist Home and The Taylor House are among the few not-for-profit, church-related, long-term care facilities in North Carolina with no financial requirements for admission. Contributions received from the Baptist State Convention Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and from local

Baptist churches across the state are used exclusively to help BRH provide care for those Older Adults in either assisted living or nursing care who are unable to pay the full cost of the services they need.

Baptist Retirement Homes is affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina but is a separate and distinct corporate entity. Messengers of the churches that compose the Baptist State Convention elect BRH Board members. In 1999, funds received from the Cooperative Program, the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and local Baptist churches totaled approximately $1.6 million. All of those monies are being used to support Older Adults living in assisted living or nursing care who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the care they receive.

The Elder Care Network (1-800-887-7410) is a free service offered by Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc to older adults and their families. One number connects you to a statewide system of caregivers, community resources, and retirement communities to help you deal with the many difficult issues of aging.

The Brookridge Retirement Community is in Winston Salem.

The Western North Carolina Baptist Home is located in northwest Asheville.

The Hamilton Baptist Home is in Hamilton (eastern North Carolina)

The Taylor House is in Albemarle

The Gardens of Taylor Glen is in Concord

In-Home Care is a Medicare/Medicaid-certified home health care program designed to provide nursing and therapy services to North Carolina Older Adults. (336-722-1470)

Respectfully submitted,
J. Luther Osment

Christian Higher Education

When it comes to colleges, *"one size does not fit all."* There is a difference.

North Carolina has 117 post-secondary institutions. Some are classified as community or technical colleges. Others are public, while some are private. Some are Bible colleges. One is a seminary and one is a junior college.

Some have large campuses, while others have modest facilities. Some have major sports teams, while others offer intramural events. Some have significant endowments, while others struggle to stay open. Some have government support, while others depend upon private support.

North Carolina Baptist colleges and universities are unique. They are institutions we trust and support. They represent places that share our core belief that one's education should involve the heart, soul and mind. This belief is not shared by every institution in our state. Some are not allowed to invoke the name of God, neither are they allowed to worship God. North Carolina Baptist colleges, however, are different.

The colleges and universities associated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina affirm their faith in God and acknowledge their Baptist heritage. Students on our campuses are challenged to develop their faith through Bible study, worship, ministry and mission opportunities in addition

to their academic studies.

When a professor on one of our campuses was asked *"Why have you chosen to be a part of this facility?"* He responded, *"Because I am free to mention the name of Jesus on this campus."*

When it comes to colleges, *"one size does not fit all."*

Students in our churches struggle when they are deciding which college or university to attend. It is a decision that will follow them the rest of their lives If they choose a school where faith is left out of their educational experience, they will graduate with degrees without the benefit of their faith being challenged.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for your continued support of Christian higher education at Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wake Forest and Wingate.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne D. Wike, Executive Director

Baptist Children's Homes

In 2000, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina served a record 2,000 children and more than 1,600 families statewide. BCH operates residential campuses in Thomasville, Pembroke, Kinston and Clyde, a maternity home in Asheville, a teen mother/baby home in Lenoir, value change

homes for boys and girls in Franklin and Asheville and for girls in Lenoir, a wilderness camp for boys in Cameron, emergency care cottages at each of the residential campuses and in Waynesville, and a model day care in Thomasville.

Standing ovations, applause and heartfelt hugs greeted the children and staff at their 30-minute presentation during the 2000 Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem. More than 130 BCH children, child care workers and staff sang, shared their stories and said "thank you" to the approximately 4,500 messengers attending the Tuesday afternoon session. Messengers heard the special testimonies from Citadel graduating senior and former Broyhill Home resident Jason Davis and Hannah Adams' mother Donna. Hannah has participated in both the 2000 and 2001 BCH Respite Camp for Developmentally Disabled Adults.

Jason was featured in the 1995 Baptist Children's Homes report to the convention. At that time he was 17 and dreamed of a career in the Air Force. During his testimony at the 2000 convention, Jason appeared in the full dress uniform of The Citadel. He reminded messengers that if it had not been for their care and support he could have never realized his dream. He told messengers that he credited them for the opportunities he has known.

Jason said he plans to always come back to visit the children and just as others gave to help him, he would give to help the other children who would come to BCH after him. Upon his graduation from the Citadel in May 2001, Jason Davis was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

The final testimony of the BCH presentation was not given by a child, but by a mother. Donna Adams of Laurinburg

strained to maintain her composure as she shared how BCH's new ministry for developmentally disabled adults was the answer to her prayers. Adam's daughter Hannah suffered brain damage as an infant. Today, Hannah is a beautiful young woman. Donna said she is comforted in knowing North Carolina Baptists and the Baptist Children's Homes would be there as her family plans for Hannah's future. She thanked messengers on behalf of other parents and families of developmentally disabled children for their support and commitment to this ministry.

Because of the support of Baptist churches all across North Carolina, Baptist Children's Homes met the 2000 Thanksgiving Offering goal of $1,000,000! The goal was record for the agency. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell said he was "enormously gratified at this outpouring response." Baptist Children's Homes is grateful to all North Carolina Baptists who committed themselves to help meet this challenging goal.

The First Baptist Church of Salisbury set a goal they couldn't reach. Interim pastor, Dr. Dale Steele said collecting a church record of $18,300 for the 2000 Thanksgiving Offering was fun. Dr. Steel recounted the meetings that led to setting the church's goal at 1% of the total BCH goal of $1 million or $10,000. In 1999, the church gave approximately $3,500. The church's leadership decided to set a goal they could not reach on their own. Leading with prayer and a commitment to meet their goal, the church watched as they passed their goal and reached their record amount. One month after receiving the record Thanksgiving Offering, the First Baptist Church of Salisbury collected the third-largest

Lottie Moon ingathering in 11 years. Dr. Steel credits the church's vision, enthusiasm and determination to do their part for missions as being the key to their success.

In June, Baptist Children's Homes broke ground for two new group homes for developmentally disabled adults in Winston-Salem. The homes — Davis House and Hinkle House — are being built adjacent to BCH's Baptist Home at Bethabara and will open in early 2002. The R.P. and Ella Mae Stegall Home was dedicated August 19, 2001. The new group home is located in Marshville and provides residential care for nine boys.

The study guide to accompany Dr. Michael C. Blackwell's book *New Millennium Families* is being made available to churches for group Bible studies this fall. Dr. Blackwell believes BCH can help strengthen families in North Carolina Baptist churches and is committed to providing the necessary resources.

The 2001 Thanksgiving Offering goal is $1,100,000. This represents a $100,000 increase over last year's record-setting amount. The number may seem enormous, but there is an enormous need. Children and families turn to BCH broken, battered and burdened. But with the help of North Carolina Baptists, BCH shows them God's love. BCH is counting on North Carolina Baptist churches to help meet this important goal during this time of economic uncertainty. Call 1-800-476-3669, ext. 1209 to order promotional material, the new Thanksgiving Offering video, last year's BCH Convention Presentation video or to request a speaker to tell the BCH story in person.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Blackwell

North American Mission Board

The breadth and depth of the North American mission field is unprecedented. There are 312 million people living in the United States and Canada. It is estimated that 200 million of them do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Yet, the depth of North America's lostness is evident when 91 percent of respondents in a recent survey considered themselves Christian, even though less than one-third said they had been born-again.

Our culture is hungry for truth but is developing its own understanding of a relationship with God. These unprecedented days of opportunity demand the church deliver the gospel truth in every conceivable way.

In coordination with state Baptist conventions, associations, and other Great Commission partners, NAMB has developed strategies and resources to help Christians and their churches share the gospel as never before. Some of NAMB's breakthroughs this past year include:

* More than 2,000 schools are using the FISH! strategy. The average number of commitments to Christ on each of these campuses is four per month.

* More than 100,000 people per month are spending an average of 10 minutes each on one of NAMB's Internet Web sites. This past year hundreds made professions of faith

through NAMB's Web sites and were referred to local Southern Baptist churches for follow-up.

* 2,614 SBC-endorsed chaplains led 21,000 people to faith in Christ.

* The Evangelism Response Center is making it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches. There were 34,635 calls received and 673 people made salvation decisions during the calls.

* Pregnancy care centers ministered to 28,382 clients, resulting in 2,186 babies born and 29 adoptions, 832 professions of faith. There are 2,770 Southern Baptist churches involved in the Alternatives for Life ministry.

* As a result of church and community ministries, there were 28,384 professions of faith.

* Development of cutting-edge evangelism resources for families, women, children and church leaders.

Through the faithful giving of Southern Baptists and NAMB's leadership commitment to maximize financial and human resources, the agency has put more money toward the mission field than ever before.

In 2000, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, set records. Receipts for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering jumped 11 percent in 2000 to $48.4 million, the largest increase since 1982 and the eighth consecutive record offering.

International Mission Board

I trust that this report will bless you as you catch a vision of how God is at work. We at the International Mission Board have been thrilled to lead Southern Baptists to reach the nations with the gospel of Christ.

We're being driven by a passion for every tribe and people and tongue and nation to have the opportunity to hear, understand and respond to the gospel in their own local cultural context...that God might be exalted among the nations and His name proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

God calls each of us to plant our lives with a passion for His mission. I am confident you will be sensitive to His call and to pray and support the work of the IMB. The Word of God can be planted in the hearts of people around the world when we invest the resources and plant our lives to complete "The Unfinished Task."

God is working in amazing ways through Southern Baptists and Baptist partners overseas with whom IMB missionaries are affiliated. Last year a record 451,301 baptisms were reported and 6,525 churches were started on mission fields worldwide, representing increases of 24.1 percent and 37.4 percent, respectively. The total membership of overseas Baptist churches exceeded 5.6 million, a 14.4 percent increase in members from 1999.

Southern Baptists support international missions through concerted prayers and sacrificial giving. Prayer prepares the paths of Southern Baptists as they share the gospel around the world. Southern Baptists fund international missions

through their gifts to the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and through other channels. Other International Mission Board income includes gifts through Baptist foundations and undesignated gifts.

Southern Baptists gave more than $113 million for the cause of International missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 2000. Those gifts pushed the offering's 113–year cumulative total past the $2 billion mark.

For Christmas, 2001, WMU and the International Mission Board have set a $120 million goal for the offering. This offering is very important to the missions mandate because it goes to fund the basics of our missionaries being on the field and of having the means to do their jobs. They are waiting anxiously to know whether they are going to have funds to do the evangelism, the church planting, and the leadership training that needs to be done. We have almost 5,000 missionaries in 154 countries working among 1,200 people groups. Our vision is to lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the peoples of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rankin, President

State Missions

"Mobilizing Baptists for Ministry"

Did you know — one-half of North Carolina's population is unchurched? North Carolina Baptists are on the move, carrying God's good news across our state. *"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!* Romans 10:15b

Facts about North Carolina:

Population - 8,049,313

Number of unchurched - 4 million

Number of ethnic groups - 27

Largest ethnic groups - Hispanic and Korean

Mentally handicapped persons - 218,000

Hearing-impaired persons - 300,000

Facts about North Carolina Baptist ministries in 2000:

Number of Baptist churches in state conventions - 3,911

Number of baptisms - 26,257

Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches - 1.16 million

Curches with special education ministries - 120

Participants in retreats for persons with mental disabilities - 655

Persons attending day camps for persons with mental disabilities - 400

Persons attending annual retreat for the blind - 26

Churches with ministries to the deaf - 85

Persons attending annual deaf youth retreat - 120 (12 professions of faith)

Non-English languages in which NC churches minister - 27

Non-English language churches started in NC - 33

English language churches started - 41

Baptist Men Ministries

Volunteers still rebuilding homes down east as a result of Hurricane Floyd - 20,000+

Floyd-damaged homes that have been or are being rebuilt by NC Baptist volunteers - 1,400+

Individuals participating in Disaster Relief Training - 400+

Volunteers in national and international mission projects through NC Baptist Men - 2,029

Campers at Camp Caraway -1,009 (90 professions of faith; 305 rededications; 60 called to full-time ministry)

Participants in Christian High Adventure - 67

Medical/Dental Bus

Medical patients - 278; Dental patients - 647

Professional medical/dental volunteers - 202

Lay volunteers - 426

Professions of faith reported - 25

Number of pilots enlisted in Aviation Ministry - 250

Average flights requested per month - 50

WMU Ministries

Campers at Mundo Vista summer camps - 1,361

Women attending Missions Extravaganza - 2,460

Participants in WMU Associational Leadership Team training - 600+

Participants in WMU retreat for Raleigh Correctional

Center - 50

WMU prison ministry Christmas "red boxes" filled - 2,345

Associations and churches participating in Literacy Missions - 52; workers involved in these ministries - 330

The North Carolina Mission Offering (NCMO) makes possible many of the mission ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The offering provides the entire operating budgets of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men. In addition, many of the Mission Growth Evangelism ministries (such as church planting and language churches) are supported by the offering. Approximately 10 percent of the receipts from churches in each association are returned to that community for local ministries.

The North Carolina ministries depend on prayer and volunteer involvement as well as financial support. Without the support of those who pray and volunteer to "go," our missions work in North Carolina cannot succeed. (Check opportunities listed on our web site at

The Baptist State Convention provides materials to help your church participate in the NCMO and Week of Prayer emphasis. Promotional packets were mailed to every church in the state and additional materials are available free of charge upon request.

In 2000, North Carolina Baptists gave $2.21 million to the offering. This year's goal is $2.6 million. The suggested dates for this year's offering and week of Prayer are Septembher 9-16. However, churches may promote the offering anytime during the year. Funds received in the

accounting office of the state convention through December 31, 2001, will be credited to this year's offering.

Continue praying for the NCMO and Week of Prayer. Pray for people who will participate in mission opportunities and for those who will be reached through ministries made possible by the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Cooperative Program

Southern Baptists are a fellowship of over 15.8 million members in approximately 45,000 churches in all 50 states and Canada. These churches work together through approximately 1,200 associations, 40 state conventions, two fellowships and the Southern Baptist Convention to accomplish through voluntary cooperation far more than they could ever do alone. Cooperative Program missions is a caring people partnering together to touch the world. The Southern Baptist worldwide mission enterprises is funded in large part through the unique, efficient, and equitable Cooperative Program. A portion of the undesignated tithes and offerings of individuals received by SBC churches becomes Cooperative Program dollars. In 1999, these churches sent nearly $462 million through the Cooperative Program to their state convention to support work within the state and the SBC. As determined by messengers to the annual session of each state convention, a percentage of the Cooperative Program receipts is sent to the SBC Executive Committee for distribution to SBC entities. In 1999, an

average of 63% of total Cooperative Program receipts was used for state convention ministries, and roughly 37% was forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention for national and worldwide ministries. Messengers to the 2000 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention approved the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for 2000-2001 of $167,996,385.

North Carolina Baptists can be proud of their continued support of cooperative missions, including missions and ministries in every county of our state, in every state of our nation and around the world. When your church contributes through the Cooperative Program you literally join thousands of other Southern Baptist churches in the most efficient and effective mission support plan to be found anywhere.

Biblical Recorder

Baptists cling stubbornly to the idea that people should think for themselves and make up their own minds about issues of importance. For this reason, Baptists affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) are fortunate to have a resource that provides regular, dependable and balanced news coverage of wide-ranging matters relating to Baptist life.

The *Biblical Recorder*, the official news journal of the BSCNC , has served this purpose since its establishment in 1833 by Thomas Meredith, a prime mover in founding the Baptist State Convention in 1830. The *Biblical Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by

the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors for news and editorial writing in 2000.

The *Biblical Recorder's* strategic role in promoting God's kingdom work through North Carolina Baptists grows from its mission statement: "to further Christ's kingdom by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources to North Carolina Baptists in a timely and accessible fashion."

As a BSC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* belongs to all North Carolina Baptists, and appropriately reflects the geographical, ecclesiological and theological diversity that is typical of the churches making up the Baptist State Convention. The editors and staff of the *Recorder* work diligently to offer a fair and balanced presentation of the news that most affects the life and ministry of North Carolina Baptists. Opinions advanced through editorials, letters, and analytical essays help to spark informed thinking on important issues. Feature stories about notable or innovative activities of churches and associations, regular reports on partnership missions efforts, and weekly commentaries on the most popular Sunday School lessons offer ideas, encouragement, and inspiration to readers of the *Recorder*.

In addition to its printed form, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a popular presence on the World Wide Web, significantly enhanced through major upgrades in early 2001. The *Recorder's* website at [redacted] offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's

content online, and allows for the posting of breaking news prior to the printing of the next issue. New features include an internal search engine, a church locator service, classified ads, Bible study resources and a news/weather portal. Thousands of interested readers around the world consult the online version regularly.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at very affordable subscription rates. Currently, the annual rates are:

– Church News Service (incorporates church newsletter into the *Recorder*) - $7.50

– Every Home Plan (20%+ of church families, paid through the church budget) - $8.50

– Club Plan (4 or more persons in a church subscribe together) - $9.75

– Individual Subscription - $11.90

Subscription packets and free samples issues are available For more information, please contact: Biblical Recorder, Inc.

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Respectfully submitted,
Ray N. Howell, Chairman, Board of Directors
Tony W. Cartledge, Editor/President

Christian Action League

It is with humble gratitude that the Christian Action League of North Carolina serves the Lord Jesus Christ and the churches of the great state as a Beacon of light, guiding referendums and legislation through the murky waters of special-interest groups and educating God's people about the moral problems in our state and nation. Our goal is to encourage and organize the people of God so that our light will be seen brightly throughout our state; and when we speak, it will be in one accord and will resound loudly.

Christian Values

1. The Christian Action League again co-sponsored the Sixth Annual Christian Heritage Week of North Carolina held in March. It was our pleasure to provide awards for excellence to those high school students who won the essay contest on America's Christian background.

2. CAL has continued to promote and distribute copies of The Ten Commandments throughout North Carolina. To date, over 17,000 copies have been mailed. CAL was instrumental in getting HB 195 passed that would allow public schools to post the Ten Commandments. This bill passed 94-18 on July 26, 2001.
3. Promoted awareness of worldwide persecution of Christians through e-mail alerts and radio.

4. Participated with the American Family Association in distributing copies of our national motto posters "In God We Trust" through our newsletter and providing a link from our website for the purchase of these posters.
5. Joined with Family Life Ministries in promoting and distributing copies of the Marriage Covenant Certificates.
6. Set up CAL exhibit at Baptist State Convention.

Radio

"Christians in Action," Station WAGO (88.7 FM) Snow Hill, has expanded to WAAE, 91.9 FM in New Bern and WRNA (1140 AM) and WKRB (AM 1460) in Kannapolis. This broadcast consists of a five-minute commentary on issues that affect our lives today. Our projection is to ultimately reach the whole state.

Gambling

1. The Christian Action League has been instrumental in keeping a lottery referendum bill in Committee. Through our newsletter, e-mails, radio and postal service, we have encouraged the Christian Citizens of North Carolina to keep letters and calls constantly coming to the N.C. General Assembly telling their legislators they do not want a lottery in North Carolina.

2. The Executive Director and President of CAL joined Citizens United Against the Lottery in a grassroots effort to fight the lottery. The Executive Director spoke at a news conference held at the Press Room of the Legislative Building by this group. Members of CUAL are Chuck Neely, former gubernatorial candidate, Frank Daniels, Jr., former publisher of the News and Observer, Dr. William Friday, former President of the UNC System; Dr. Billy Graham, U.S. Senator Lauch Faircloth, former State Treasurer Harlan Boyles and former Governor Robert Scott.

3. CAL has held "A Chrisian Looks at Gambling" workshops in Statesville, Burlington, Morehead City, New Bern, Laurinburg, Asheville, Charlotte, Beulaville and Salisbury --- areas whose legislators were targeted as "on the fence" on the lottery issue.

4. The League has provided a packet of gambling materials for preachers across the state to use in educating their people about the dangers of a lottery.

Abortion

1. The Executive Director of CAL spoke before a Senate Committee to promote HB 275 – Infant Homicide Prevention Act. The bill, which nearly

failed to get out of the House in the spring, gained near unanimous support after the Christian Action League got behind the legislation. The bill allows mothers under circumstances to avoid abandonment charges if they leave their newborn with a responsible adult or health care provider. The League believes that this is an alternative to abortion and infant homicide after birth.

2. CAL has encouraged its members to call President Bush to encourage him to stand firm for the sanctity of human life on the issues of stem cell research through e-mails.

Alcohol

1. Participated in four LBD campaigns since January. 2001. We help with their organizational meetings, rallies and providing educational materials. Wilson Mills was successful in defeating off-premise beer and wine sales.
2. Worked in the General Assembly for defeat of HB 1143 – Sports Club ABC Permits which would allow liquor-by-the-drink without a vote of the people. Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director of CAL, spoke before the Senate Committee against this bill. Unfortunately, the Governor signed this bill into law on 5/30/01.

Pornogrpahy

Have produced and aired several radio programs to inform

the public of the inernet pornography crisis. Educate communities on how they can rid their neighborhoods of adult establishments.

Homosexuality

CAL monitors and informs the Christian community of the current homosexual agenda through our e-mail alert and newsletter. We tract bills that would give protected status for homosexuals. Several bills this session are HB 941, HB 871 and SB 547; all remain in committee.

The Christian Action League of North Carolina produces a quarterly newsletter *The Beacon* that has a distribution of over 21,000. We also send our an e-mail alert every Friday to over 600 members to keep them abreast of current moral, ethical and political issues that affect our state and nation. All services of the Christian Action League are provided at no charge. We depend on God's people to provide for His work.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director
Coy C. Privette, President

Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches,

institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2000, the Foundation provided assistance to individuals in establishing 30 endowment funds and 18 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.9 million and received $3.6 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 164 churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $4.6 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. With a total of $10.1 million in contributions, it was the best year ever eclipsing the previous high of $9.3 million recorded in 1999.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2000, the Foundation held $97.4 million under management. This is an increase of more

than $4.1 million over 1999.

The Foundation also experienced a record year in distributions in 2000. The previous high in distributions was 1999, with $5.3 million distributed to charity and individuals. In the year 2000, our distribution totaled 9.1 million dollars, with charity receiving $6.7 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.4 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Hunter, Chairman, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

Baptist Hospital

"We desire to build a hospital to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer." Baptist Hospital's founding commission penned these words in 1921, and this partnership in healing has been our defining purpose. Our Christian heritage remains the foundations of Baptist Hospital and undergirds our daily commitment to provide compassionate, state-of-the-art medical care. The Christian faith is truly the "soul of our institution."

The mission of the School of Pastoral Care at Baptist Hospital is: To *provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ.* We are thankful that North Carolina Baptists are a significant partner in this mission, helping us bring hope to thousands of people each year.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provided ministry during the past year through more than 61,000 pastoral visits, and worship services every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The department's Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program received a 10-year accreditation from the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education site review team. Fifty-eight students received training in one of the largest and finest CPE programs in America.

The Department of Pastoral Counseling, CareNet, Inc. continues to develop its ministries. Rev. Steve Scoggin became the director of the system's newest center, the East Carolina Counseling Centers, Inc., in Greenville, N.C. CareNet's counseling centers provided more than 25,500 hours of compassionate pastoral counseling in 17 locations across the state during the year. It is the largest pastoral counseling system in the nation. Thanks to N.C. Baptists, free or reduced rate counseling is made available to lower income people.

The Center for Congregational Health, Inc. continues to assist churches in becoming healthier communities of faith. The Center provides consultation to 25 congregations a month. Over 600 church leaders received training in educational events conducted by the Center during the past year. These include the Young Leaders Program for ministers under age 40, and Intentional Interim Ministry training. Thanks to N.C. Baptists, the Center receives

essential support for its ministries. This support pays for initial consultation for all Baptist churches, and provides subsidies for churches and ministers who need special financial assistance.

The Department of Church and Community Relations continues to serve as a liaison between the Hospital and churches of the Baptist State Convention. The department's director, Rev. Paul Mullen, provided ministry through 150 requests for assistance with obtaining medical care or concerns about medical bills. More than $65,000 was provided to N.C. Baptist ministers and their families by the 25% subsidy for their hospital bills. A variety of benevolent ministries was also coordinated, primarily the Baptist Benevolent Care Fund.

North Carolina Baptists, through the Mother's Day Offering, opened their hearts to patients in financial need and gave $560,624 in 2000 for the compassionate mission of benevolent care at Baptist Hospital. All of these funds were used to pay the hospital bills of patients in financial need. The fund helps patients who "fall between the cracks," making too much for government assistance but not enough to pay for healthcare insurance. They are deeply thankful to N.C. Baptists for this gracious witness to God's love. As one recipient said, "God smiled on us through the Baptists of North Carolina." Her son is a 13-year-old cancer patient.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best - Baptist Hospital, part of the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, ranks

among the nation's top hospitals according to the July 2001 issue of *U.S. News and World Report.* One hundred eighty-eight of the nation's 6,299 hospitals appear on this list.

Comprehensive Cancer Center Recognized for Excellence - The Medical Center's Comprehensive Cancer Center received a 5-year renewal of its status from the National Cancer Institute. The Comprehensive Cancer Center is one of only 37 such centers in the nation. and is the only one in Western North Carolina. It includes Prostate and Breast Cancer Centers of Excellence.

Medical Center Earns Recognition for Trauma Care - Baptist Hospital. a Level One Trauma Center. received verification in both adult and pediatric trauma services in February 2001 by the American College of Surgeons. It is the first Level One Trauma Center in North Carolina to receive such recognition.

Downtown Health Plaza Opens - The 47,000 square foot Downtown Plaza opened in 2001 to provide healthcare for underserved people in Forsyth and surrounding counties. Thousands of indigent children, adolescents, and adults have received compassionate and thorough medical care during the year.

Expansion of Brenner Children's Hospital - Construction of a 400,000 square foot, 11-story addition to the hospital's Ardmore Tower is moving toward completion. Six of the floors will provide space for Brenner Children's facilities, such as private patient rooms, family resource centers, and

programs for children with disabilities. The Tower will also include new cardiac catheterization labs and operating rooms.

Information and Appointments - For more information on health related issues or to make an appointment with a physician, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

A Closing Word from the President: The values of our Christian faith are the guiding principles of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital mission. We are strongly committed to be a place of healing, bridging compassionate and respectful care in the Spirit of Christ with the best of medical science and technology. This commitment reflects our heritage and shapes our vision for the future. We are thankful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partner in this healing mission. We were created to care for people in times of their greatest healthcare needs, and we are here for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

W M U Report

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) is alive and at work in the Avery Baptist Association. We have nine churches reporting to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention (as of the end of 2000), and they are active in the work of teaching, supporting and working in missions in Avery County and beyond! Are there other WMU organizations active in Avery County? We need to know! And, we need more women active in the work of WMU.

This past year various churches took part in missions activities through mission trips, mission projects such as collecting food for West Virginia flood victims, volunteering with ACADA (Avery Citizens Against Domestic Abuse) and donating food and other items to RAM (Reaching Avery Ministry). WMU is all about women organizing to be active in the work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those around us, near and far.

Again this past year, WMU sponsored the annual Pastors and Wives Christmas Dinner, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. WMU members from five churches in our association provided lunch for the Senior Rally held in June at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

A WMU training workshop was held in late September of this year to inform, train and encourage women from interested churches to start of increase their WMU

involvement.

Is our Woman's Missionary Union involvement shrinking in the Avery Baptist Association? Who will fill our shoes? I want to challenge each church in our association to identify their missions involvement, and take every opportunity available through WMU to increase our churches" activity in missions.

An exciting event is being planned for our association, April 26-28, 2002. This is the ON MISSION CELEBRATION (formerly known as World Missions Conference), where the North American and International Mission Boards will be sending missionaries to share with our association the work going on in their fields. Activities open to all our churches' members will be taking place, and all our churches are encouraged to take part in this event.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your WMU Director for the Avery Baptist Association. WMU has tremendous potential and possibilities for our association, if we will just jump in and make a commitment to the fields that are "*white unto harvest"* around us.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Aldridge, Associational Director

Director of Missions Report

With this annual meeting I begin my ninth year as your Director of Missions. What has happened during this time can only be attributed to the blessings of our Lord. We have seen tremendous progress. I recently did a study of statistical information for the time that I've been your Director and discovered some interesting facts. During this time, our Sunday School attendance has fluctuated dramatically from a low of 846 to a high last year of 1227. Another interesting fact that I discovered was that the total receipts of the churches has risen consistently during this period to a total last year of $1,719,000. Associational giving has also seen a huge increase. We have gone from $8,010 in 1993 to a total of $34,279 last year. This is still way below what we need to meet our needs, but we are on the way.

This has been a very productive year for ministry in our association. Our partnership with First Baptist Church of Phelps, KY, has been a wonderful experience with many trips being made this year to do ministry at this church.

We had a tremendous response for the flood relief efforts in West Virginia. We collected and delivered approximately 12,000 pounds of food and water to this area.

This past year we had our Senior Adult Rally, Evangelism Crusade, VBS Clinic, and Sunday School Conference. We also now have a quarterly associational singing, under the direction of Karen Magner, our associational music director,

and an annual Youth Mission Trip led by Dianna Love and Heather Hyman.

In this associational year I have worked with six churches in their search for a pastor. I have supplied the pulpit of 20 different churches and preached 49 times. I have attended approximately 25 committee meetings and had over 100 counseling sessions with pastors and lay persons.

Nehemiah was able to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem because "the people had a mind to work". It is no coincidence that this association is as strong as it is. We are what we are by God's amazing grace, but also because of you. You are Avery Baptist Association. Thank you for a job well done!

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Whetstine,
Director of Missions

Treasurer's Report

Sept. 29, 2000 - Sept. 28, 2001

RECEIPTS FROM;

Churches.....38,316.21

Baptist State Convention.....4,623.00

Misc. Contributions.....3,165.52

Total Receipts.....$46,104.73

DISBURSEMENTS;

100 Key Leadership Organizations

101 Sunday School.....

102 Baptist Men.....

103 Evangelism.....1.200.00

104 WMU.....150.28

105 VBS.....524.15

106 YouthMinistry.....284.50

107 Music.....

108 SpeakersHonorarium.....100.00

200 Director of Missions

201Salary.....9,100.00

202 SocialSecurity.....1,170.00

203 Utilities andHousing.....4,100.00

300 Operating Expenses
301 D O M Expense Re-imbursement.....1,400.00

302 Office Telephone.....698.27

303 OfficeSupplies.....1,505.48

304 OfficeEquipment.....2,012.53

305 Office Utilities.....913.29

306 Newsletter Postage.....700.00

307Secretary.....4,380.0

400 Mission Ministries
401 Prison Chaplaincy (Blue Ridge Youth Center)..1,500.00

402 ResortMinistry.....58.43

403 Misc. MissionFund.....742.06

500 Misc. Expense
501 Insurance (Equipment & Buildings).....

502 Printing ofMinutes.....25.44

503 Health Insurance.....7,696.70

504 Building Maintenance.....1,093.03

505 Misc. Expense.....209.22

506 Convention Expense.....400.00

507 ChristmasGift.....400.00

508 Treasurer.....250.00

509 Clerk.....250.00

510 Property Taxes.....68.40

511 Quarterly Tax Reports.....300.00

512 Christmas Gift, Secretary.....200.00

Total Disb.....$41,916.78

Cash on Deposit, September 28, 2000.....11.210.76

Add Total Receipts for Fiscal Year.....46,104.73

Total.....$57,315.49

Less Total Disbursements..... ...-41,916.78

Cash on Deposit - September 28, 2001.....15,398.71

FLOOD RELIEF REPORT

October 1, 2000 - September 28, 2001

Balance as of October 1, 2000.....$10,454.75

Total Disbursements for Fiscal Year.....1.241.25

Account Balance as of September 28, 2001.....9,213.50

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES

CHURCH	CONTRIBUTIONS Oct. 1, 2000 - Sept. 30, 2001
Aaron	2,100.00
Beech Mountain	1,591.00
Big Meadows	600.00
Chestnut Dale	0
Cranberry	1,253.27
Crossnore, First	14,271.72
Elk Park, First	190.00
Fall Creek	1,320.00
Green Valley	300.00
Jonas Ridge	317.56
Long Ridge	600.00
Minneapolis	1,031.00
Newland, first	3,200.00
Oak Grove	2,100.00
Pilgrim	99.74
Pineola	925.00
Pleasant Hill	3,265.43
Pleasant Valley	511.23
Powdermill	1,200.00
Stameytown	444.50
Sugar Mt.	971.09
Valley Haven	1,249.67
Whites Memorial	225.00
Yellow Mountain	550.00
N. C. State Convention	4,623.00
Other	3,165.00
TOTALS	**46,104.73**

Avery Baptist Association
Proposed Budget - 2001 - 2002

100 KEY LEADERSHIP	PRESENT	PROPOSED
101 Sunday School	150.00	100.00
102 Baptist Men.	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism..	500.00	500.00
104 WMU....	400.00	400.00
105 VBS...	100.00	100.00
106 Youth Ministry.	500.00	1,200.00
107 Music....	200.00	200.00
108 Speakers Honorarium..	300.00	300.00
	2,200.00	2,850.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary.....	9,100.00	9,100.00
202 Social Security	1,170.00	1,370.00
203 Utilities and Housing	4,100.	5,400.00
	14,370.00	15,870.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 DOM Expense Reimb.		
302 Office Telephone...	1,400.00	1,400.00
303 Office Supplies.....	800.00	800.00
304 Office Equipment.....	1,800.00	1,300.00
305 Office Utilities....	1,500.00	1,200.00
306 Newsletter Postage...	850.00	1,100.00
307 Secretary.....	600.00	600.00
308 Equipment Maint.	5,600.00	6,100.00
	New	550.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES	12,550.00	13,050.00
401 Prison Chaplaincy...		
402 Resort Ministry...	1,500.00	1,500.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund..	500.00	500.00
	1,200.00	1,200.00

500 MISC> EXPENSE		
501 Insurance (Building)	700.00	700.00
502 Minutes	200.00	Delete
503 Health Insurance	8.100.00	8,100.00
504 Building Maint.	800.00	800.00
505 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00
506 Convention Expense	400.00	500.00
507 Christmas Gift	400.00	400.00
508 Treasurer	250.00	250.00
509 Clerk	250.00	250.00
510 Property Taxes	200.00	Delete
511 Quarterly Tax Report	400.00	400.00
512 Christmas Gift (Sec'y	200.00	200.00
	12,100.00	11,800.00
TOTALS	44,420	46,770.00

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

2001 - 2002

Moderator	Rev. Dennis Aldridge
Vice Moderator	Rev. Dennis Church
Treasurer	LeNita Platt
Assistant Treasurer	Judy Greene
Clerk	Hazel Franklin
Assistant Clerk	Lila Vance
Sunday School Director	Susie Smith
WMU Director	Maria Aldridge
Baptist Men Director	Cecil Trivett
VBS Director	Lori Benfield
Evangelism Director	Rev. Lander Heafner
Music Director	Karen Magner
Pianist	Sharon Watson

COMMITTEES

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Joe Miller, Chairman
Chuck Moorefield
Maria Aldridge
Becky Sizemore

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Dennis Church
Lander Heafner
David Anthony
Vice Moderator, Chairman

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE
Lander Heafner, Chairman
Bryan Griffith
David Burnop
Karen Magner

CONSTITUTION COM.
Bill Jones, Chairman
Lander Heafner
Lynn Church

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
All Associational Key Leaders,
plus 3 elected each year
at annual meeting
Kenny Poteat
Jim Vance
Cecil Crawford

BUILDING & GROUNDS
Roy Woody
Harry Platt
Simon Franklin

BUDGET AND FINANCE
Lenita Platt, Chair
Ron Green
Myra Suddereth
Hazel Franklin
Grace Calhoun

TRUSTEES
Joe B. Perry
Simon Franklin
David Banner

RESOLUTIONS
Patsy Carpenter, Chair
Ruth Brown

90th ANNUAL SESSION
CROSSNORE BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2001

The annual meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association was called to order, at 3:00 pm, by Rev. Lander Heafner, Moderator. The congregation was led in two hymns by Margaret Ollis, and a welcome was extended to all by Rev. Heafner, along with a prayer.

The program was presented for adoption by Rev. Dennis Aldridge, Vice Moderator, seconded by Conley Huffman, and was passed unanimously. Hazel Franklin, Clerk, called the roll of churches, noting that 22 churches were represented, and 56 messengers were present.

Under miscellaneous business, it was announced that we had two new pastors in the Association: Rev. Rodney Millsaps serving at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and Rev. Wesley Duncan at Big Meadows Baptist Church. Recognition was given Mrs. Beatrice Banner, Messenger from

First Baptist Church of Newland, celebrating her 90th birthday. She has always been very faithful to attend annual meetings, as well as Executive Committee meetings when possible.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine gave the Director of Missions report, stating he has a vision for the Association to begin a radio broadcast, develop a Community Care Ministry, and to start a yearly Pastors' Retreat, all in the very near future. The report was accepted unanimously. Special music was then provided by Becky Sizemore, singing two beautiful inspirational songs.

Following this, Rev. John Mauldin, pastor of First Baptist Church of Phelps, KY, delivered the mission message, giving progress of the church resulting from the involvement of Avery and Mitchell Associations. The congregation was then led in a hymn by Margaret Ollis.

Under Associational Reports, the Treasurer's Report and Budget & Finance Committee Report were submitted by LeNita Platt; the Nominating Committee Report was given by Susie Smith, and Memorials were read by Hazel Franklin. The floor was opened for nominations to add three new persons to the Nominating Committee. Those elected were Kenny Poteat, Jim Vance and Cecil Crawford.

The history of the host church, First Baptist of Crossnore, was read by their pastor, Rev. Lander Heafner. This was submitted to be placed in the Minute Book, following these minutes.

An interesting report was brought on the Baptist Childrens Home, by Rev. Lloyd Fish. Margaret Ollis then led the congregation in two more hymns, followed by some special music by Calvary Way singers from Spruce Pine. Rev. Joe Miller then delivered the annual sermon, using scripture from Luke 14:25-35, and entitled "Mobilize to Evangelize". The Congregation was then led in another hymn and dismissed with prayer and blessing for the evening meal, which was provided by the host church.

EVENING SESSION;

The Moderator called the evening session to order at 7:00 pm, and Harry Platt led in the opening hymn. Rev. Shave Buchanan read scripture from Psalms 146:1-10, and led in prayer. Hazel Franklkin made the roll call of churches, with 14 represented and 46 messengers present.

During the miscellaneous business, the Resolutions Committee submitted a note of thanks to Crossnore First Baptist Church for hosting the annual meeting, and appreciation for the warm hospitality and

delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the church. This was approved by all.

Mark Creech brought an uplifting report from Christian Action League, and referred to Matthew 4, verse 7. Then Mark Abernathy of NC Baptist Men, spoke encouragingly on Partnership Missions.

An update report was brought from Fruitland Bible Institute, by Rev. J. O. Grant; followed by an enlightening talk on the Baptist Retirement Homes, by Luther Osment.

At this time, Rev. Heafner turned the podium over to Vice-Moderator, Rev. Dennis Aldridge, in order to prepare the sound system for special music. Harry Platt led a congregational hymn, and Tess McNabb performed an inspiring, beautiful solo.

The Challenge Message was given by Rev. Stuart White, using Matthew 28:19-20, for his scripture. Rev. White is pastor of Carolina Memorial Baptist Church, in Thomasville, NC.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm, with a closing prayer.

HISTORY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CROSSNORE

The early history of First Baptist Crossnore is very dim because the records are few and do not contain much information. From the 1919 records we find that the church began as an arm of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and remained so until November 15, 1919. Two local ministers, Rev. Edmond M. Johnson and the Rev. Elias Stamey along with members of the Mount Pleasant Church, began services in a small boxed building in the village of Crossnore that was being used as a school at the time. Property was purchased across from the existing Post Office and a building was erected in 1912 or 1913 that would become the home for many years.

Records show that in May 1920 the church voted to build class rooms to house the Sunday School, and W. W. Benfield and Enoch Cornett were appointed to look after the purchase of material to do this job, with the men of the church doing the labor. In November 1927 a baptistery and extension to the back of the building was to be added. As the church began to grow, a road up to the church was built to go along with the great number of steps that led to the building. The records of the November 1929 meeting shows that plans were being made to construct a pastor's home and the deacons were instructed to select a lot for this home. There is no record as to where or when this project was finished

but the September 1933 minutes record that the church rented the house to a Mr. Howard Benfield and again in the September 1938 minutes Mrs. Annie Hobson was granted permission to stay in the house until March 1, 1939.

No records are found from September 11, 1938 until March 1948. In November 1948 a note burning was held to commerate paying off the lot purchased to relocate the parsonage on the present site. The Parsonage was completed in 1951 on the grounds where the present sanctuary is located. In May of 11955 work began on the new sanctuary and was completed in January 1957. Later additional Sunday School space was added and is still in use today. A Family Life Center was completed in 1984. The present sanctuary was dedicated to the Glory of God in February 1997.

The first time on record that the church gave to the Cooperative Program was in 1931. The church has faithfully increased their cooperative giving until the present time. In 1934 the church recorded a budget of $375.00. The church now records a budget of $324,998.00 with a membership of 500 plus.

Rev. Edmond M. Johnson became the first Pastor serving from it's beginning until January 1912. Nineteen Pastors have served the church since Rev. Johnson. Rev. A. G. Brooks served the church on two occasions. Rev. Joe Puett served the church for about 14 years until sickness forced him to leave the ministry. Rev. Lander Heafner came as Pastor in April of 1983, and serves at this present time.

Respectfully submitted,
Lander Heafner
October 5, 2001

MEMORIALS

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Mrs. Margie Trivett

BIG MEADOWS - Mrs. Bessie Arnett, Mr. Jim Calloway, Mrs. Hildred Maxine Jones

CRANBERRY - Ms. Jackie Dean Ollis

CROSSNORE FIRST - Mr. Glenn Vance, Mrs. Hosafa Crowe, Mr. Hansel Aldridge

FALL CREEK - Mr. Lawrence Storie, Mr. Raymond Jones

GREEN VALLEY - Mrs. Polly Ollis, Mr. Wayne Hall, Mr. Claude Weatherman

LONG RIDGE - Mrs. Carol Buchanan

OAK GROVE - Mrs. Eula Love, Mr. Jerry Buchanan

PINEOLA - Rev. Ernest Bustle, Ms. Anne Buchanan

PLEASANT HILL - Mr. Arnold Thomas, Mrs. Mona Greene, Mrs. Clara Wise, Mrs. Nona Buchanan

POWDERMILL - Mrs. Gladys Cantrell, Mr. Jesse Freeman

WHITES MEMORIAL - Mrs. Effie Osborne

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
2001 - 2000

AARON - Rev. Dennis Aldridge, Mr. Tony Holden, Mr. Ed Sudderth

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Mr. Eddie Storey, Mrs. Carolyn Church, Mrs. Elizabeth Nunley

BIG MEADOWS - Rev. Wesley Duncan, Mrs. Patsy Carpenter, Mrs. Georgia Prather, Mrs. Lucille Buchanan

CHESTNUT DALE - Rev. Jerry Burleson, Mr. Conley Huffman, Mrs. Glenna Ollis, Mrs. Betty Ollis

CRANBERRY - Rev. David Burnop, Mr. Kirk Potter

CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Mrs. Polly Heafner, Mr. Harry Platt, Mrs. LeNita Platt

ELK PARK FIRST - Rev. Clarence Laws, Mr. Elbert McCoury, Mrs. Edith Bolick, Mrs. Jean Houston, Mrs. Christine Holdren

FALL CREEK - Rev. Chuck Moorefield, Mr. Cecil Crawford, Mr. Mike Davis, Mr. Charles Ward

GREEN VALLEY - Rev. Rufus Biddix

JONAS RIDGE - Rev. James Yelton, Mr. Sam Franklin, Mrs. Virginia Franklin, Mrs. Nellie Singleton, Mr. Russell Singleton

LONG RIDGE - Rev. Steve Glenn, Mr. David Anthony, Mr. Roy Woody

MINNEAPOLIS - Rev. Bryan Griffith, Mr. Mike Storie, Mr. Chanp Young, Mrs. Ruth Young

NEWLAND FIRST - Dr. Bill Jones

OAK GROVE - Rev. Ron Greene

PILGRIM - Rev. Donald Gragg

PINEOLA - Rev. Joe Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Andrews, Mrs. Rebecca

Sizemore

PLEASANT HILL - Rev. Rodney Millsaps, Mr. Andrew Taylor, Mrs. Brenda Taylor, Mr. Dwight Taylor, Mr. Leonard Staton, Mrs. Jessie Staton

PLEASANT VALLEY - Rev. Harry Lee Turbyfill, Mrs. Frankie Bare, Mr. Harry Gwyn, Mrs. Helen Gwyn

POWDERMILL - Rev. Harold Dellinger, Mrs. Florence Dellinger

STAMEYTOWN - Mr. Simon Franklin, Mrs. Hazel Franklin, Mr. Terry Calloway, Mr. Bill Brewer, Mrs. Ramona Brewer

SUGAR MOUNTAIN - Rev. Josh Dobson, Mr. David Banner, Mrs. Barbara Banner, Mrs. Louise Banner

VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strahan, Mrs. Henry Strahan, Mr. Joe B. Perry, Mrs. Clara Perry, Mr. Bill McCurdy, Mrs. Jeanette McCurdy

WHITES MEMORIAL - Rev. Shane Buchanan, Mr. Roy Riddle, Mrs. Edie Riddle, Mrs. Pearl Ollis

YELLOW MOUNTAIN - Rev. Jude Hughes

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2001 - 2002

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1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis
1913	Pleasant Hill	W. H. Ollis
1914	Big Meadows	D. A. Green
1915	Jonas Ridge	D. A. Green
1916	Yellow Mountain	D. A. green
1917	Roaring Creek	S. M. Pittman
1918	Green Valley	R. T. Lewis
1919	Crossnore	R. T. Lewis
1920	Minneapolis	N. S. Hampton
1921	Beech Mountain	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	N. S. Hampton
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton
1925	Chestnut Dale	N. S. Hampton
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton
1927	Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton
1928	Jonas Ridge	K. L. Haga
1929	Yellow Mountain	K. L. Haga
1930	Roaring Creek	E. W. Buchanan
1931	Aaron	E. W. Buchanan
1932	Crossnore	E. W. Buchanan
1933	Powdermill	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Pleasant	G. D. Danner
1935	Beech Mountain	V. W. Green
1936	Pineola	V. W. Green
1937	Flat Springs	V. W. Green
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Green
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Green
1940	Newland	R. T. Teague
1941	Yellow Mountain	R. T. Teague
1942	Elk Valley	R. L. Painter
1943	Belview	D. N. Jones
1944	Elk Park	D. N. Jones
1945	Pleasant Hill & Minneapolis	V. W. Green
1946	Jonas Ridge & Oak Grove	D. N. Jones
1947	Cranberry	W. H. Ollis
1948	Powdermill	S. M. Pittman
1949	Crossnore & Mt. Pleasant	C. C. Bryant

HISTORICAL TABLES (CONT.)

1950	Aaron & Newland	J. W. Costner
1951	Elk Valley & Valley Haven	J. C. Brown
1952	Sugar Mtn. & Big Meadows	Mack Hodge
1953	Belview & Minneapolis	Mack Hodge
1954	Fairview & Whites Memorial	Mack Hodge
1955	Flat Springs & Beech Mtn.	Mack Hodge
1956	Pleasant Hill & Newland	D. N. Jones
1957	Crossnore & Chestnut Dale	Ira Hodges
1958	Fall Creek & Roaring Creek	Howard Hodges
1959	Elk Park & Cranberry	Howard Hodges
1960	Oak Grove & Stameytown	G. H. Dellinger
1961	Aaron & Jonas Ridge	G. H. Dellinger
1962	Minneapolis & Pleasant Hill	Marion Smith
1963	Beech Mtn. & Elk Valley	Marion Smith
1964	Powdermill & Belview	D. N. Jones
1965	Valley Haven & Cranberry	Raymond Turbyfill
1966	Flat Springs & Fall Creek	Raymond Turbyfill
1967	Yellow Mtn. & Whites Mem.	Raymond Turbyfill
1968	Pleasant Hill & Big Meadows	Joe Puett
1969	Beech Mtn. & Mt. Pleasant	Joe Puett
1970	Crossnore & Minneapolis	Max Holland
1971	Newland & Aaron	Robery Lindley
1972	Belview & Beech Mountain	Robert Lindley
1973	Big Meadows & Chestnut Dale	Lee Pittman
1974	Cranberry & Crossnore	Loyd Ramsey
1975	Elk Park & Elk Valley	Loyd Ramsey
1976	Fall Creek & Fairview	Roy Lee Barbee
1977	Jonas Ridge & Green Valley	Kenneth Lance
1978	Newland & Oak Grove	Kenneth Lance
1979	Pilgrim & Pineola	Tommy Wagner
1980	Pleasant Hill & Pleasant Valley	Harry Turbyfill
1981	Powdermill & Stameytown	Jack Bryant
1982	Sugar Mtn. & Valley Haven	Richard Hollifield
1983	Whites Mem. & Yellow Mtn.	Richard Hollifield
1984	Aaron & Beech Mountain	Harold Dellinger
1985	Big Meadows & Chestnut Dale	Bill Jones
1986	Crossnore & Elk Park	Elbert McCoury
1987	Fall Creek & Jonas Ridge	Elbert McCoury

HISTORICAL TABLES (CONT.)

1988	Cranberry & Green Valley	Clarence Laws
1989	Newland & Oak Grove	Clarence Laws
1990	Pineola & Pleasant Hill	Omar Trivett
1991	Pleasant Valley & Powdermill	Omar Trivett
1992	Stameytown	Max Smith
1993	Sugar Mountain	Max Smith
1994	Valley Haven	Calvin Vance
1995	Whites Memorial	Bill Jones
1996	Aaron	Bill Jones
1997	Beech Mountain	David Banner
1998	Big Meadows	Joe Miller
1999	Chestnut Dale	Joe Miller
2000	Cranberry	Lander Heafner
2001	Crossnore	Lander Heafner

Statistical Tables

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Aaron	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Beech Mt.	210	82	1	5	2	2	10	5	6	5	0	0
Big Meadows	85	75	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	12	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Cranberry	80	80	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Crossnore	515	437	8	2	1	4	0	0	1	0	16	0
Elk Park	78	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	162	88	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0
Green Valley	35	30	0	0	2	0	0	1	24	3	0	0
Jonas Ridge	196	105	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Long Ridge	45	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	136	0	8	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	9
Newland,First	419	375	14	0	2	4	4	0	2	2	5	19
Oak Grove	299	294	18	1	1	2	8	2	4	0	10	6
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	70	70	4	0	2	4	6	0	20	34	4	0
Pleasant Hill	267	228	8	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	10	0
PleasantVal.	50	50	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
Powdermill	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	52	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	48	0	6	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
Valley Haven	35	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	106	106	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	3081	2140	81	8	19	22	33	19	62	48	71	34

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Interc. Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Ass. Miss. On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Aaron	1849	2001	B	90	0	0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beech Mt.	1869	1996	A	40			no	no	no
Big Meadows	1845	2001	A	0				no	
Chestnut Dale	1903		A	43			no	no	no
Cranberry	1907	1997	A	60			no	yes	no
Crossnore	1907	1983	C	335	0	0	yes	yes	yes
Elk Park	1917	1993	C	0	0	0	no	no	yes
Fall Creek	1886	1990	A	65	0	0	yes	yes	yes
Green Valley	1897		A	35	0	0	yes	yes	yes
Jonas Ridge	1887	1999	A	65	0	0	no	no	no

Long Ridge	1945	1999	A	30	0	3	yes	yes	yes
Minneapolis	1887	1996	C	120	0	0	yes	no	yes
Newland,First	1921	1983	C	275	0	1	yes	yes	yes
Oak Grove	1900	1999	C	150	0	0	yes	no	yes
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	1912	1993	B	50	0	0	yes	yes	yes
Pleasant Hill	1905	2000	A	0	0	0	no	yes	no
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	1914	1991	A	98	0	0	yes	yes	no
Stameytown	1947	N/A	A	20	0	0	no	yes	no
Sugar Mtn.	1950	2000	A	30	0	0	no	yes	yes
Valley Haven	1948	1993	C	40	0	0	yes	yes	yes
Whites Mem	1949	2001	A	38	0	0	yes	no	yes
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	0	0	0	1584	0	4	0	0	0

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15b-(6-11) 15d-(18-24) 15f-(35-54) 15h-(65-up) 15j-Other Bible Study 17-SS Not Member
15a-(Birth-5) 15c-(12-17) 15e-(25-34) 15g-(55-64) 15i-Gen. Officers 16-Avg Wkly SS Att 18-VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Aaron	96	8	2	2	5	10	10	30	25	4	25	60	0	0
Beech Mt.	80	5	4	10	5	0	6	5	5	9	0	40	0	43
Big Meadows	75	4	0	17	4	0	27	11	9	10	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	44	4	3	3	3	4	8	4	10	5	0	22	0	25
Cranberry	58	3	15	7	5	8	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	396	25	42	48	31	52	90	85	19	4	0	250	30	150
Elk Park	46	5	5	7	7	3	7	3	6	3	0	25	11	27
Fall Creek	77	4	8	3	3	9	15	20	16	8	42	68	0	40
Green Valley	19	3	3	0	0	2	6	3	2	0	0	15	9	0
Jonas Ridge	62	5	5	4	3	1	9	15	0	0	20	45	20	25

Long Ridge	30	1	0	3	4	2	10	4	8	0	0	24	11	35
Minneapolis	92	12	10	14	8	9	14	7	10	20	40	86	22	125
Newland,First	221	24	24	30	15	46	44	24	10	4	0	110	0	60
Oak Grove	141	35	13	15	11	22	17	10	17	1	0	90	0	95
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	45
Pleasant Hill	117	8	9	8	11	16	30	12	19	4	0	78	0	60
PleasantVal.	39	2	4	3	0	6	4	6	10	4	0	0	0	60
Powdermill	98	9	15	8	9	12	27	8	10	0	0	67	6	85
Stameytown	30	0	4	4	0	0	0	15	5	2	0	20	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	56	3	12	3	0	7	8	20	5	0	0	32	0	45
Valley Haven	35	0	3	2	0	0	4	8	18	6	0	32	3	36
Whites Mem	40	4	4	3	2	2	2	6	5	12	0	30	5	60
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	1852	164	185	194	126	211	345	304	209	96	127	1129	117	1016

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	20
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	105	6	25	20	50	4	4	0	0	0	12
Oak Grove	98	8	25	20	44	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	65	9	5	8	40	3	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	7	0	3	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	25	2	6	2	15	5	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	17	3	12	0	0	2	8	0	0	6	2
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	329	29	76	50	155	17	32	0	0	6	34

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up)
21a-(3-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Aaron	24	0	0	0	24	1
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	54	0	14	12	28	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	125	2	20	30	51	22
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	36	1	3	1	31	0
Green Valley	16	0	1	0	15	0
Jonas Ridge	24	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	78	8	10	14	34	12
Newland,First	73	0	25	0	45	3
Oak Grove	57	0	11	10	32	4
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	15	0	0	0	15	0
Pleasant Hill	60	6	5	9	40	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	58	4	8	7	30	9
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	12	0	0	0	12	0
Valley Haven	35	0	3	2	30	0
Whites Mem	20	6	4	2	8	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	687	27	104	87	395	51

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b_(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 24d-Miss. Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up) 25-Other

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Aaron	25	0	0	0	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	14	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	20	0	0	0	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	95	10	8	11	58	8	48	10	12	26	0	6
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	9	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	20	1	3	0	21	4	8	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	15	0	0	0	15	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	31	4	3	7	10	7	11	6	5	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	16	0	0	0	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	5	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	0	5	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	250	15	14	18	183	29	79	16	17	31	0	6

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Aaron	60960	37785	4118	4800	2100	75	320	1960	2483	1455
Beech Mt.	30236	4664	610	1088	2705	0	322	0	174	2800
Big Meadows	0	4420	0	0	0	0	300	600	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	31200	0	500	0	0	0	500	1500	1100
Cranberry	15870	8154	0	0	1220	0	175	139	0	350
Crossnore	374548	69922	1461	55458	14272	8893	4147	5613	2000	7095
Elk Park	9756	1879	21	485	195	0	0	0	258	502
Fall Creek	45489	9435	0	1260	1320	225	2310	2483	600	6037
Green Valley	17738	8193	0	1170	92	78	482	1000	0	3900
Jonas Ridge	33330	1165	0	1519	541	0	75	282	0	330

Long Ridge	25116	2616	0	2539	1057	100	100	232	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	683	9475
Newland, First	411219	200000	0	6400	3200	3200	830	2843	0	14119
Oak Grove	131975	56031	5662	6000	2100	0	2500	2000	10725	11270
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	51358	0	0	7206	900	1146	3817	7206	0	0
Pleasant Hill	96824	3267	200	0	3158	1053	4501	16250	2106	4763
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	49511	50657	0	0	1200	500	0	413	0	0
Stameytown	17248	0	0	889	445	375	230	207	0	1100
SugarMountain	31851	13856	0	0	930	0	275	314	0	1650
Valley Haven	20800	2000	4800	0	1183	1183	300	0	0	200
Whites Mem	24288	11051	0	0	225	0	0	750	750	1480
Yellow Mtn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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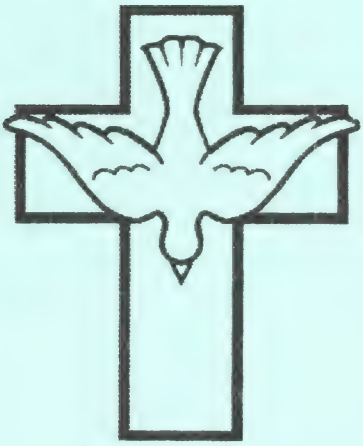

"To live is Christ..." Phil. 1:21

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

AVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH:
ELK PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 4, 2002

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH
FALL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 3, 2003

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We the affiliated Southern Baptist Churches of Avery County and one of Burke County, to facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel, to provide a medium of cooperation and recognize our interdependence and our dependence upon our Lord Jesus Christ; but in no case presume to direct or control the cooperative churches in reference to their government of internal policy; do hereby purpose to establish and maintain an Avery Southern Baptist Association in accordance with the following plan.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. It is the purpose of the association to provide an organization for the Southern Baptist Churches affiliated with it.
Section 2. To encourage them to faithfulness in every endeavor which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Section 3. To encourage them in the support of the association, Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptist Convention.
Section 4. To cultivate a friendly and helpful union among the

affiliated churches for their mutual benefit; and to engage in cooperative endeavors which the individual churches might be unable to accomplish alone.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of those churches represented by duly elected messengers for the annual meeting and representation elected by the local church to represent in other endeavors, from their membership, affiliated through prayerful and financial support of the body, known as the Avery Baptist Association - and:

a. Faith and practice of member churches shall harmonize with generally accepted articles of faith of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

b. Maintain affiliation by a letter of report to the annual associational meeting.

c. Financial support is vital to carry on work through the associational body and the ongoing ministries of the churches working together. A suggested goal of three (3) percent of the financial receipts of the cooperating churches is suggested as a minimum contribution.

Section 2. Each church having resident membership of one hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger.

Section 3. The pastors who are members or who are laboring in

connection with said church.
Section 4. The duly elected officers of the association.
Section 5. The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

Section 1. The Baptist churches, which have petitioned for membership, been examined by the duly designated committee of this body, presented before the association, and by a vote of the association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose of the undertaking of the body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches.
Section 2. The vote of the association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote

ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but not bind them in any way; yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety, and intelligence of the body, it may justly acclaim for itself, for objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.
Section 2. There shall be a membership, Constitution, By-laws and study committee consisting of the Director of Missions,

Moderator and three (3) others elected annually.

Section 3. This committee shall examine withdrawals of affiliation of any churches to the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

Section 4. Any church desiring membership with the association shall place their request with the above stated committee. The committee will in turn inform the executive committee at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting about the request. The committee shall furnish all information in accordance with Article III on membership requested from the church to the Executive Committee upon their request. When the Executive Committee has taken action on the request of the church, it shall be presented to the association in the annual meeting.

Section 5. Should any church disqualify itself by practice or doctrines contrary to those of the association, as stated in Article III on membership, or fail to represent itself by messenger or letter more than two (2) consecutive sessions without reason, or threats with contempt the objectives and requirements of the association, the association may dissolve connection with such church. This may be done by action taken in the annual meeting, after coming through the above stated committee and Executive Committee.

Section 6. Any issue once presented to the association in regular session, after coming through the related committee and Executive Committee, being voted upon, must have a period of two (2) years of waiting before being presented again.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist their attendance at all sessions of the given associational meeting.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the church to have their associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing. The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the association fourteen (14) days prior to the time for the annual meeting.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of each church to prayerfully uphold and financially support the association work.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association will be held annually on the first Friday of the month of October unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the association.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, Music Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, the Executive Committee, and other committee

chairmen and task force directors as needed. These officers shall be members of the affiliated Baptist churches and the duly elected various organizations, subject to the approval of the association.

Section 2. Their active term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body, unless herein after or before stated.

Section 3. It is suggested two (2) years of service be encouraged and even longer would be advantageous to the association work, unless contrary to specifications otherwise stated in this document.

(A) MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to act:

1. In an executive capacity of all meetings according to the principles of a presiding officer.

2. As ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise specified.

3. The term of the moderator shall not exceed two (2) years in succession, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one (1) year.

(B) VICE-MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the moderator to serve as presiding officer. The Vice-Moderator will function in other capacities necessary to association work, if the moderator is unable to perform, or as requested. This includes completion of term, due to resignation.

1. Will serve as chairman of the program committee.

©) CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and, together with a

publishing committee which shall consist of a moderator and two other appointed members of the association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body.

1. Attendance of the Executive Committee meeting is encouraged at all times, or arrangements for coverage.

(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: Assist the clerk in all tasks; and will function in the absence of the clerk, or at any time the clerk is unable to perform.

(E) TREASURER: As Treasurer, he or she shall keep records of all funds coming into his or her possession, and an account of all disbursements.

1. Give a printed monthly and annual financial report.
2. Provide records for a yearly audit.
3. Serve with the finance committee.

(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall be prepared for and function in the absence of the Treasurer, or any time the latter is unable to perform.

(G) HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the association.

(H) PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall guide the business of the Association, as called upon, through interpretation of the guidelines set forth and specified in the constitution and/or By-laws. If not specified therein, then in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4. The various heads of organizations, namely Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Chairman of Evangelism and other committee chairmen and task

force directors as needed shall preside over the activities of these ministries and promote the working of the same.

Section 5. The Director of Missions shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

(A). The officers of the association.

(B). The pastor of each church, who is a member of, or laboring in connection with, said church and one lay member of the church.

©). Two lay members, nominated and elected by the church who does not have a pastor or member to represent them.

(D). The name of the lay members of the Executive Committee, elected by their respective churches, shall be reported to the association in the church letter of report, for the annual meeting. They shall take office in like manner, as other members.

(E). This committee shall meet quarterly as prescribed by the associational calendar activities.

(F). The Executive Committee shall be authorized to hold special meetings if needed, upon call of the Moderator, or in the Moderator's absence the Vice-Moderator, or the Director of Missions. Notice must be given to each member church and associational executive officers one week in advance for any special meeting.

This committee shall submit full report of its work to the association at each session.

Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding on the association (subject to their approval at the annual session), together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual association budget.

Section 3. The Associational Council shall be composed of the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Missions Committee, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, Stewardship Director, and the Director of Missions, who will serve as chairman of the Associational Council. The duties of the Council are:

1. To promote all work of the association.
2. To prepare a calendar of activities. If any cancellations take place after dates have been approved and placed in the printed calendar, it will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the Program Committee (Vice-Moderator) to see that proper notice has been mailed to the churches.

Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members, including the Treasurer. The five (5) others will be recommended by the nominating committee. No church shall have more than one (1) representative. Two (2) of the five (5) nominated will rotate off at one time and three (3) the next rotation time.

(A) It is recommended the members of the Finance Committee

serve at least two (2) years and longer, if approved, not to exceed five (5) years without a lapse of at least one (1) year of service.

(B) This committee will be responsible for preparation and recommendation of an early Associational Budget after contact with chairmen of committees, directors, the Director of Missions and awareness of office needs to perpetuate the Avery Southern Baptist Association work, then presented through associational procedure.

©) This committee shall assist in other financial needs and, when called upon, function in such matters.

Section 5.

(A) The Nominating Committee will consist of Avery Baptist Associational key leaders, which include the following: Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Mission Committee Chairman, plus three members to be elected at the annual meeting. The Moderator and Director of Missions shall be ex-officio members.

(B) The duties of the committee shall be to elect a chairman and to bring nominations for all the general officers of the Avery Baptist Association; all department heads, standing and rotating committees, representatives of the denominational agencies and institutions, and General Board representative (who serves a four (4) year term unless completing a term due to resignation).

©) They shall contact all those to be recommended to fill offices before their names are to be presented..

(D) In event that any office becomes vacant during the

associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Executive Committee.

(E) This committee shall have additional members as the need arises.

Section 6. Program Committee shall consist of three (3) members including the Vice-Moderator who shall be chairman. They shall contact all those to be on the program and inform those to give reports. This committee shall be recommended to the Nominating Committee.

Section 7. Trustee Committee shall be composed of three (3) persons. They shall have the responsibility of holding the deeds for associational property, signing any notes, mortgages, or other legal documents pertaining to the property of the association. They shall meet at the call of any need in reference to their job.

Section 8. The Ordination Advisory Committee shall be composed of six (6) members who shall act in an advisory capacity for churches or for ministerial students seeking ordination counseling. The committee shall assist in the ordination of candidates for the ministry only after their call to some specific position in Christian service, and shall refrain from announcing the date for ordination until after the Advisory Committee approval of the candidate.

Section 9. The Properties Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to care for all physical properties of the association. This includes such items as repair and maintenance, insurance, property improvement, office and

other equipment and long range planning for development and the like.

Section 10. The Membership, Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee shall be composed of three (3) Members who are responsible for the examination of the affiliation and/or withdrawal of any church in the Avery Baptist Association. The committee will bring to the association body, through required channels, the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as needs arise.

Section 11. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to examine all financial records and then bring its report to the association.

Section 12. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of two (2) members whose duty it shall be to present to the association such resolutions as they deem in order, or which may be referred to them.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting provided such an alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the morning session and acted upon at the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed, in as far as applicable, in the governing of the Avery Southern Baptist Association, where

not otherwise specified by the Constitution or By-Laws.

AMENDMENT I

The Executive Committee shall meet three times yearly instead of Quarterly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

November 29, 2001

The Executive Committee came together in a Called Meeting, at the Associational Office, on Thursday, November 29, 2001, at 6:30 pm. Rev. Dennis Aldridge, Moderator, called the session to order, and led in prayer. Hazel Franklin, Clerk, called the church roll, noting 14 pastors and messengers were present.

Rev. Whetstine stated he had two items of business for the Committee to consider. A cell phone had been donated, to be used jointly with Mitchell Association. Mitchell has agreed to pay one-half of the cell phone monthly usage, and he requested Avery Association to pay the other half. This amounts to approximately $17.00 per month. Rev. Lander Heafner made the motion for this to be done, with a second by Rev. Chuck Moorefield, and was approved unanimously.

Rev. Whetstine presented the information that the Association has the opportunity to purchase property joining the north side of

the present property. This would be approximately 75 ft. road frontage and extending back to the creek bank. The cost would be $11,500.00. A motion was made by Mr. Bob Daniels to purchase said property, seconded by Rev. Chuck Moorefield, and passed unanimously. David Anthony moved that the association pay half of the price down, and finance the balance. This was also voted and approved.

The meeting was adjourned, and Rev. Heafner dismissed in prayer.

January 10, 2002

Due to inclement weather, only a few people could attend the Executive Committee meeting , scheduled for this date, at Aaron Baptist Church, and no minutes were recorded. The following business was reported by the Director of Missions:

The attendees voted to pay the complete price of $11,500.00, for the adjoining property to the Association Office. This is described in the above meeting. The second item of business was voted and approved, to allow up to $2,000.00 to be spent to complete furnishing the Prophet's Chamber.

Rev. Whetstine discussed the possibility of hiring a Student Missionary for the summer, for work in local campgrounds and other areas, leading Bible studies, Vacation Bible Schools, etc. He encouraged the churches to seek a local student. He also suggested the Association could use a video projector and screen.

for youth programs, Back Yard Bible Clubs, Hispanic Mission, and various uses in any of the churches. This could be done for approximately $1,900.00, and he will send a letter to the churches asking for a special offering first, and then the Association will pay the balance from the budget.

April 11, 2002

The regular quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Minneapolis Baptist Church, at 7:00 pm, and Moderator Dennis Aldridge called the assembly to order. Rev. Bryan Griffith, pastor of the host church, led in a devotion and prayer. Hazel Franklin, Clerk, made the roll call of churches, noting there were 6 churches represented, and 11 messengers present. The Treasurer's report was given by Rev. Daniel Whetstine, and this was approved as read.

Under New Business, Rev. Monroe Cooke gave a report of the survey made on the property the Association has proposed to purchase. This is currently being processed by the lawyer's office.

A motion was made by Mrs. Beatrice Banner, and seconded by Rev. Lander Heafner, to accept the application of Miss Amy Lustig as the Student Missionary for the summer.

Announcement was made concerning the On Mission Celebration, scheduled for the last week in April, at Crossnore First Baptist Church. On a vote to adjourn, Rev. Whetstine dismissed with prayer.

July 18, 2002

Green Valley Baptist Church was host to the Executive Committee Meeting, for this date at 7:00 pm. After a short

devotion, reading John 20:14, he called on Rev. Joe Miller to open with prayer.

A roll call of churches revealed 7 churches were represented with 14 messengers present. The financial report was given by LeNita Platt. and was approved with a motion by John Slaton and seconded by Simon Franklin. Hazel Franklin read the minutes of the last meeting, and this was approved as read.

Rev. Whetstine gave a report on the summer ministries to date, and stated plans have been made for a "Prayer Station" booth at the Craft's Fair, on the Square in Newland, for July 31st, and that toiletry kits will be prepared and handed to the fair workers this fall. Plans for a Youth Rally, the end of July, have not been finalized. A county-wide Sunday School rally is being planned and will be announced with finalized. He then announced that the Association's Annual Meeting will be held the first Friday in October (4th), at First Baptist Church of Elk Park.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bob Daniels, and Rev. John McCoury closed in pray

Baptist Children's Homes

Jason and Lacey know real hope after facing hopeless times. Jason and Lacey lived with their mother in Hilo, Hawaii It sounds wonderful, but for the brother and sister it was far from paradise. Their mother's lifestyle constantly placed the two children in danger. Jason was given the blamed by his mother for many of the things that had gone wrong in her life.

"She didn't care about anything," Jason recalls now. "I was just there. She didn't care for me." Jason drew violent pictures. He had difficulty relating to people and was diagnosed with attention

deficit disorder. Soon his secrets were exposed. He had suffered severe physical and emotional abuse by his mother. Drugs had been a pervasive part of his life. He had begun using drugs when he was six years old.

Once Jason's grandparents discovered the truth about Jason's life, they sought immediate help for their grandson and found the help they desperately needed from Baptist Children's Homes. In August 1996, he began his new life at Broyhill Home in Clyde.

Lacey still lived with her mother. The two moved to Arizona. Lacey spent her days in the cab of her mother's boyfriend's semi-truck. She was not attending school. After Jason left, Lacey became the focus of her mother's abuse.

Again the siblings' grandparents intervened. The couple began to think about bringing Lacey to live at Broyhill Home. In 1997, 14 months after Jason, she was safe. Lacey and Jason's grandparents credit Baptist Children's Homes for giving their grandchildren real hope.

Lacey says she plans to be a lawyer. She likes fighting for the underdog. Jason has plans for a career in broadcast journalism. Since coming to Broyhill Home, both children have accepted Christ as their Savior.

"Things began to turn around for me when I became a Christian. I began to read my Bible," Jason says. "I learned a lot of the answers to my questions. I felt like I could be more open."

"Jason might be in an institution, in prison, or dead. We try not to even think of what Lacey's life would be like today," the grandparents say. "They've been saved!" Jason and Lacey are two of the 1,855 children cared for by BCH last year.

Baptist Children's Homes grieves with Nation after September 11th attack -- BCH president calls for acts of kindness. In the wake of the tragic events of September 11, BCH president Dr.

Michael C. Blackwell stepped to the forefront to calm and encourage children and families. As the nation reeled from the attack, Blackwell immediately offered words of comfort to families through the news media from Louisiana, Arizona, Alabama and across North Carolina. He urged Americans to "show kindness" to one another and exhibit "acts of goodness" toward their communities in response to the violence exhibited against our country. BCH children and staff united to provide needed items for those serving at Ground Zero and gave blood for victims. Despite the physical and emotional effects of September 11, BCH's mission has remained unwavering. "America's spirit has not been lost, and our spirit of helping and healing is stronger than ever," said Blackwell.

BCH faces financial shortfalls due to 9/11, North Carolina Baptists rise to meet financial challenges. As charities across America began to feel the financial effects of 9/11, Baptist Children's Homes also faced shortfalls. Experiencing nearly a 60 percent drop in annual fund giving, President Michael C. Blackwell made an urgent plea to friends and supporters. After an intense effort including personal letters and phone calls, North Carolina Baptists responded, rallying to close the gap by year-end. "I knew North Carolina Baptists would not forget their children," said Blackwell. North Carolina Baptists also stepped forward by meeting the 2001 Thanksgiving Offering Goal. Today, the effects of 9/11 are still being felt. "It is important for North Carolina Baptists to not grow weary in their efforts to help our boys and girls," said Blackwell. "Our churches are our lifeline. It is because of them we are able to touch the lives of so many."

New BCH strategic plan unveiled. *Quest: A Journey of Excellence* is the title of the new strategic plan that will guide Baptist Children's Homes through 2004. The major goals of the

new plan include recruiting and retaining competent qualified staff; training staff; and maintaining and enhancing BCH facilities.

BCH Trustees approve allocation for Information Technology. Trustees made way for sweeping technological improvements throughout BCH. A new Information Technology Center was created and work began to connect all ministry sites digitally. "Every step we take is designed to enable us to better serve children and families...today and in the future," said Dr. Michael C. Blackwell.

Gastonia couple honored at Nolen Building dedication. William "Red" and Mabel Nolen were recognized for their contribution at the dedication of the newly renovated and renamed Nolen Administration building at Mills Home on January 22, 2002. A gift from the Gastonia couple, who have long-time ties to BCH, made the necessary renovations possible.

BCH's Developmental Disabilities Ministry dedicates two new group homes. More than 200 Baptist leaders, Baptist Children's Homes administrators, staff, and guests were in attendance for the historic dedication of BCH's first, new group homes for developmentally disabled adults on March 26, 2002. The two homes, Davis House and Hinkle House, joined Baptist House at Bethabara located in Winston-Salem. Plans to break ground on the next DDM group home to be located in Sanford are scheduled for 2003. Baptist State Convention President Dr. Jerry Pereira, who spoke at the dedication, predicted "the Lord is going to do great and mighty things" through this ministry.

***A Place for Miracles* published.** In March, 2002, BCH president Michael C. Blackwell introduced his second book. More than

three years in the making, *A Place for Miracles* is a mixture of history, autobiography, inspiration, and vision. The book received the 2002 Baptist Communicators Association Design Award for Best Book Design.

***New Millennium Families: A Study Guide* introduced to North Carolina Baptists.** In September 2001, the study guide to BCH president Michael C. Blackwell's book *New Millennium Families* was introduced at the first of two statewide Deacon-Spouse Training Events in Bryson City. A total of more than 200 deacons and their spouses attended the two conferences. Blackwell and study guide creator Gaylin Huff led group sessions regarding the changing make-up of families as discussed in the book and its effects on the church of North Carolina.

Baptists called to join "Chain of Prayer" for North Carolina's children and families. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell has asked for all North Carolina Baptists to participate in the "Chain of Prayer." Begun in February 2002 at the annual Baptist Men's conference in Charlotte, this physical chain is made up of thin strips of paper containing the handwritten prayers of NC Baptist men, women and children. Throughout the year, these strips are being gathered by BCH representatives and formed together into a chain that will be displayed at this year's Baptist State Convention in November. With children and families facing many different sources of crisis in today's world, Dr. Blackwell believes this statewide unification of prayers for children and families in our state will yield great results.

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Program, church and individual gifts,

memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables us to fulfill our mission statement -- "helping hurting children...healing broken families" -- through 14 locations throughout the state. Thank you North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Blackwell, President
Sybil Stewart, Board of Trustees Chair

Baptist Retirement Homes

The generous support received from North Carolina Baptists has enabled Baptist Retirement Homes to lead the state in providing benevolent care for Older Adults who lack sufficient financial resources to pay for the quality care they deserve. At all Homes communities, residents rest in the knowledge that they will be cared for as long as they live.

Baptist Retirement Homes continues to be on the cutting edge of meeting the needs of Older Adults...particularly those dealing with dementia-related conditions, such as Alzheimer's Disease.

In recent years, the Homes has established specially designed residences to meet the special needs of these dear ones. The Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville has been operational since 2000; the Kulynych Memory Enhanced Residence opened at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem in 2001;

later this year, a third residence will open at the Homes' newest community, The Gardens of Taylor Glen, in Concord.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Osment

Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2001, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 33 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling $4.8 million and received $9.4 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptists causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for 162 churches and associations during the year to promote "Make your Will Month", Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $2.3 million from churches and institutions

came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarship, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. With a total of $16.5 million in contributions, it was the best year ever eclipsing the previous high of $10.1 million recorded in 2000.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2001, the Foundation held $106.8 million under management. This is an increase of more than $9.4 million over 2000.

During 2001, our distributions totaled $6.7 million, with charity receiving $4.4 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.3 million. During the 82-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $20.8 million has been distributed to individuals and $36.8 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $57.6 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

Christian Higher Education

"Shaping Lives for...a Life" is the mission of North Carolina Baptist Colleges and universities. Students come to the campuses of Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate expecting to receive an education. What they may not expect is an experience that will shape the rest of their lives.

Like the artist who carefully and methodically sculpts wet clay, giving it form and function the faculty and staff of North Carolina Baptist colleges and universities shape the lives of students through their dedicated teaching and mentoring.

The graduates of these campuses emerge as people who become our future ministers, doctors, lawyers, artists, teachers, businesspeople, and church and community leaders.

It has been shown that graduates of church related institutions invest themselves in their churches and communities in greater numbers than graduates of public institutions of higher education. As a result of the support of North Carolina Baptists, the future looks bright for our churches and communities.

Gifts to the Cooperative Missions budget of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina last year made it possible for 612 members from 445 convention related churches to receive special scholarship assistance to attend our five affiliated institutions of Christian higher education. Seventy-four out of eighty associations were represented in this group.

Some of the recipients would not have been able to pursue their dream of a degree from an accredited college or university without the financial assistance provided by generous North Carolina

Baptists. One of those recipients lost his father unexpectedly during his freshman year in college. Scholarship assistance from North Carolina Baptists made it possible for him to continue with his studies. He graduated this year.

Another scholarship recipient is the mother of six children. In spite of the pressures to be a good mother, she pursued her studies while holding down a full-time job. She, too, graduated this year with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She is employed by a North Carolina Baptist institution.

These are a few of those who are benefitting from your generous support of our Baptist State Convention. In the coming years, we will benefit from their contributions to our life as North Carolina Baptists.

Campbell University — Chowan College — Mars Hill College — Gardner-Webb University — Wingate University

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Moore, President
Wayne D. Wilke, Executive Director

Biblical Recorder

The world is changing rapidly, and Baptists are changing right along with it. Gone are the days of a simple denominational life or a single way to be Baptist. Never has it been more important for North Carolina Baptists to be informed of the many issues affecting Baptist life, mission work and mutual cooperation.

The *Biblical Recorder* exists to provide this needed service to Baptists in North Carolina and beyond. The *Recorder* staff works diligently to comb through many sources of information and distill them into a trustworthy resource that offers regular, dependable and balanced news coverage and analysis of the most significant matters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Biblical Recorder's* strategic role in promoting God's kingdom work through North Carolina Baptists grows from its mission statement: *"to further Christ's kingdom by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources to North Carolina Baptists in a timely and accessible fashion."*

As the official news journal of the Baptist State Convention of NC, the *Biblical Recorder* has functioned faithfully since its establishment in 1833 by Thomas Meredith. The *Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association for news and editorial writing in 2000, and taking the association's top prize for new writing in 2001.

The *Biblical Recorder* offers a special service that makes it possible for churches to combine a regular newsletter and the *Biblical Recorder* in a single package, offering significant financial savings. In addition to its printed form, the *Biblical Recorder*

maintains a popular presence on the World Wide Web at www.biblicalrecorder.org. This Web site offers Internet users an opportunity to read much of each paper's content online, as well as to access classified ads, online Bible study resources and a news/weather portal.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at very affordable subscription rates. Subscription packets and free sample issues are available. For more information, please contact:

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Respectfully submitted,
Ray N. Howell, Chair, Board of Directors
Tony W. Cartledge, Editor/President

Baptist Hospital

The Baptist Hospital mission began in 1921 when our North Carolina Baptist founders stated, "We desire to build a hospital to bring the healing art more definitely under the dominion of the Great Healer." Gold crosses that adorn the exterior of the hospital symbolize our historic and daily commitment to bring medical excellence and Christian compassion to those we are privileged to

serve. This report will highlight our partnership with North Carolina Baptists in continuing the mission of healing.

School of Pastoral Care: Our mission at the School of Pastoral Care is *"to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ."* This defines the spiritual essence of who we are and the meaning of what we do in caring for hurting people. We are very thankful to North Carolina Baptists for their gifts to the school through the Cooperative Missions Program. You are making a tremendous difference as our partner in life-changing ministries.

CareNet, Inc., our Department of Pastoral Counseling, is the largest faith-based counseling system in the nation. We continue to expand our services across North Carolina. The scope of this ministry is astounding: 27,000 hours of counseling per year at 21 locations. These include four regional centers (Winston-Salem, Greenville, Fayetteville, and Wilmington) and 17 strategically located satellites. The individual stories of emotional and spiritual healing, of broken families being restored, and even more telling.

The Center for Congregational Health celebrates its 10th Anniversary in 2002. Dr. David Odom has been the Center's visionary leader from its beginning. The initial mission continues to guide this ministry of 25 churches per month, and training to over 600 church leaders per year. The financial support of NC Baptists allows Baptist churches to receive initial consultation at no cost, and provides subsidies for churches and ministers needing financial assistance. Please call the Center for more information (336-716-0459).

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education

provided ministry through more than 61,000 pastoral contacts in the past year. Every day chaplains can be found comforting bereaved families, praying for seriously ill patients, reading Scriptures to those who are afraid, offering comfort and extending hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Fifty-three students received supervision and training in 2001.

The Department of Church and Community Relations continues to serve its mission as a liaison between the Hospital and North Carolina Baptist churches. We welcome you to call Rev. Paul Mullen if you need assistance (336-716-3027). Many pastors call on behalf of church members who need a referral to the Medical Center or have concerns about medical bills because of financial need. Speakers can be requested to provide an overview of the Hospital and its ministries to church groups.

Baptist Benevolent Care Fund: It is a difficult burden to be physically sick and worried about how to pay for needed medical care. North Carolina Baptists extend the compassionate reach of missions to patients in financial need at Baptist Hospital through their gifts to the Mother's Day Offering. Those you have helped are deeply thankful for this gracious witness to the love of Jesus Christ, and they are drawn closer to Him. All of the funds are used for this purpose. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for giving $568,808 to this ministry in 2001!

Additional Highlights at North Carolina Baptist Hospital: Number 1 in patient satisfaction – Baptist Hospital was ranked #1 in the nation in patient satisfaction, according to Press Ganey patient satisfaction scores for the spring quarter of 2002. Press Ganey, the health care industry's top satisfaction measurement

firm, ranked Baptist Hospital first among its peers.

New Brenner Children's Hospital Opens: The 11-story addition to the Hospital opened in April 2002. Six of the floors provide private rooms for all pediatric patients, state-of-the-art technology, family resource centers, and prayer room, and an enclosed playground on the roof. The tower also includes additional operating rooms and a spacious surgical family waiting room.

New Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Older Adults. Wake Forest University Baptist Behavioral Health, a subsidiary of Baptist Hospital and WFU Health Sciences, has opened the first residential program in the region devoted exclusively to treating chemical dependency problems among adults 55 and older. The comprehensive treatment program focuses on treating the whole person, encompassing physical, emotional, social, and spiritual health.

Ranked Among the Nation's Best: The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc., ranks among "America's Best Hospitals" according to the July 2002 issue of *U.S. News and World Report.*

WFUBMC – What's in a Name? The North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc is one of two component institutions of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. The partnership also includes Wake Forest University Health Sciences (WFUHS), consisting of WFU physicians, the School of Medicine, and other entities. Baptist Hospital and WFUHS are separate but interdependent institutions, each with its own Board of Trustees. The combined institutions, WFUBMC, are overseen by a joint Board of Trustees which facilitates the effective and collaborative pursuit of its

mission: excellent patient care, medical education and research, and community service

Information and Appointments: For more information on health related issues or to make an appointment with a physician, contact Health-On-Call at 1-800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

Closing Words from the President: We at Baptist Hospital are very thankful to be partners in the mission of healing with North Carolina Baptists. Our roots are in this partnership, beginning as a mission enterprise of the Baptist State Convention in 1921. This report also highlights the ongoing nature of the relationship with the School pf Pastoral Care. We have a sacred privilege and responsibility to serve Jesus Christ by serving people in need at Baptist Hospital. We thank you for being our partner in these "ministries of growth, hope, and healing." We ask that you pray for our patients, their families, and our staff as we seek to serve our Lord each day at the Medical Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

Annuity Board

The Annuity Office of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina continues to enjoy a close working relationship with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in providing services related to retirement planning, financial support of ministers and other church employees, life and health insurance,

church/clergy tax issues, and ministry to retirees and seminary/divinity students.

Despite national and international market volatility, national grief, and a wartime political climate during this past year new opportunities and services were launched in an ongoing effort to fulfill the guiding principle of *Serving Those Who Serve the Lord*. To be specific, all the investment funds were successfully restructured to a registered mutual fund environment, called AB Funds Trust. As a result, new retail investment products, under the theme "New Investment Opportunities...*Absolutely!*," were introduced. For the first time ministers, church employees, and annuitants may now open IRA and Personal Investment Accounts. With the passage of the Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act (EGTRRA) retirement options have been enhanced dramatically including the ability to roll over other retirement funds from a secular employer.

Furthermore, new medical and disability insurance products were rolled out with the commitment to provide several options to meet increasingly different needs of our populace. Endorsed carriers, such as long-term care and property/casualty, continued to attract interest from our churches and church employees.

The Endowment and Relief Ministry was restructured to provide enhanced financial assistance to the needy, retired ministers and their widows. Funds available to assist these persons increased as well as the number of people who applied for this assistance.

The 2002 SBC Compensation Study with 35 state conventions participating has been conducted and the results are now accessible on the internet. For the first time, church leaders are now able to

do a customized study on the web. We are very excited about this useful tool as one valuable resource in assisting churches leaders as they study to determine what is a fair and equitable compensation for those who serve the Lord in our churches.

As of June 30, 2002, 61% (2,314) of our NC churches were actively participating in the retirement plan. A record number of 2,851 were receiving benefits and 388 being assisted through the Adopt An Annuitant ministry.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1-800-395-5102, extension 174, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org or call the Annuity Board at 1-800-262-0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross

Cooperative Program

Southern Baptists are a fellowship of over 16 million members in approximately 42,334 churches in all 50 states and Canada.

These churches work together through approximately 1,200 associations, 39 state conventions, 2 fellowships, and the Southern Baptist Convention to accomplish through voluntary cooperation far more than they could ever do alone. CP Missions is caring people partnering together to touch the world.

The Southern Baptist worldwide mission enterprise is funded in

large part through the unique, efficient, and equitable Cooperative Program. A portion of the undesignated tithes and offerings of individuals received by SBC churches becomes Cooperative Program dollars. In 2001, these churches sent over $479 million through the Cooperative Program to their state conventions to support work within the state and the Southern Baptist Convention. In 2001, an average of 58 percent of total Cooperative Program receipts was used for state convention ministries, and roughly 42 percent was forwarded to the SBC for national and worldwide ministries. Messengers to the 2002 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, approved the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for 2002-2003 of $176,962,402.

State Missions

The North Carolina Missions Offering is our state counterpart to the offerings for national and international missions. The offering supports missions and ministries being conducted by North Carolina Baptists at home and around the world.

The North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) makes possible many of the mission ministries of the Convention. The offering provides the entire operating budgets of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men. Approximately 10 percent of the receipts from churches in each association are returned to that community for local ministries. In 2001, North Carolina Baptists gave $2.4 million to the offering.

This year's goal is $2.6 million.

Facts about North Carolina:

⇨ Population: 8,200,000

⇨ Number of unchurched: 4 million

⇨ Number of ethnic groups: 100+

⇨ Largest ethnic groups: Hispanic, Korean

⇨ Fastest growth of Hispanics in nation: 387%

⇨ Mentally handicapped persons: 218,000

⇨ Hearing-impaired persons: 300,000

Facts about 2001 Baptist ministries:

⇨ Number of Baptist churches in state convention: 3,962

⇨ Number of baptisms in 2001: 27,790

⇨ Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches: 1,191,309

⇨ Churches with special education ministries: 150

⇨ Non-English languages in which NC churches minister: 27

⇨ Non-English language churches started in NC: 34

⇨ Summer missionaries working with Hispanics: 10

⇨ English language churches started 33

⇨ Volunteers still rebuilding homes down east as a result of Hurricane Floyd: 15,000+

⇨ Floyd-damaged homes that have been or are being rebuilt by NC Baptist volunteers: 1,500+

⇨ New volunteers trained in Disaster Relief: 1,800+

⇨ Disaster Relief volunteers responding to 9 disasters in 2001: 16,730+

(Arkansas ice storm, El Salvador earthquake, Boston mudout, India earthquake,

West Virginia floods, Pakistan; Washington, DC, Pentagon, New York City

terrorist attacks: Grifton Hurricane Floyd)

This is just a portion of the ministries in North Carolina.

After September 11, 2001, we responded because that's what North Carolina Baptist do best. In the midst of disaster, destruction and fear, volunteers from across the state packed their supplies, gathered their teams, and left their families for service in New York City and Washington, DC. Within hours of the terrorists' attacks, North Carolina Baptist volunteers were feeding disaster workers, FBI agents, military personnel, and other officials searching for survivors at the Pentagon. In addition, shower units and laundry teams were sent to New York to serve the rescue workers at "Ground Zero." Apartment cleaning teams also went door to door cleaning up the mounds of debris and dust. Those emergency ministries of disaster relief and recovery were made possible by the North Carolina Missions Offering. Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union receives 100 percent of their budgets from this one offering. Despite its importance, nearly half of our churches do not participate in the Week of Prayer for North Carolina Missions or the offering.

We are asking our Baptist churches to open their doors to their communities and invite all the people of North Carolina to bow down before God in a special time of Prayer on Wednesday, September 11, 2002. This date marks the first anniversary of the terrorists' attacks on America. Let us allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine in the darkness of our own personal ground zero world.

International Mission Board

I trust this report will bless you as you catch a vision of how God is at work. We at the International Mission Board have been thrilled to lead Southern Baptists to reach the nations with the gospel of Christ.

We're being driven by a passion for every tribe and people and tongue and nation to have the opportunity to hear, understand and respond to the gospel in their own local cultural context...that God might be exalted among the nations and His name proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

God calls each of us to plant our lives with a passion for His mission. I am confident you will be sensitive to His call and also to pray and support the work of the IMB. The Word of God can be planted in the hearts of people around the world when we invest the resources and plant our lives to complete "The Unfinished Task."

In 2001, Southern Baptists excelled in the challenge to spread the gospel worldwide. Unprecedented numbers of Christians responded to God's call to serve overseas through the International Mission Board and to support missions through sacrificial giving.

In 2001, $181 million of the IMB's overseas expenditures went for missionary support (salary, medical, children's education, travel, freight, housing, cars) and $52 million went for field work (evangelism, Christian leadership, media, health care, human needs and related activities).

Last year alone, IMB workers and their Baptist partners overseas reported a record 451,301 baptisms and 6,525 new churches

worldwide.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Rankin, President

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions. We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the opportunity to hear the gospel, respond with faith in Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers.

- NAMB's missionary count reached 5,184, the third consecutive year that the count exceeded 5,000. Of this number, 3,211 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1,943 are long-term Mission Service Corps volunteers with two or more years of service.
- Southern Baptists continue to volunteer for mission service in record numbers: An estimated 100,000 adults participated in construction and ministry projects at more than 350 work sites.
- More than 15,000 disaster relief volunteers from 35 state

conventions responded to 65 disasters, prepared 1.25 million meals, and repaired 1,000 homes.

- The in-kind contribution of labor by Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers following the terrorist attacks on September 11, is $2.2 million. More than 25,000 Disaster Relief volunteers have been trained to assist in relief efforts.
- World Changers summer mission opportunities saw 19,245 participants involved in 66 NAMB-sponsored projects. More than 13,600 presentations of the gospel were made, and 1,596 professions of faith were recorded.
- More than 80,000 Southern Baptist youth and their adult leaders participated in Student Mission Group projects.
- There were 497 young people appointed to summer missions/sojourner/innovator mission positions this year and 432 were placed in semester mission assignments.
- NAMB assisted churches in producing and providing priced resources that help Christians share their faith. Last year, 2,562,307 units of printed and electronic NAMB resources were purchased.

In 2001, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering were commendable. Receipts for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering were $48,300,000.

W M U Report

The Woman's Missionary Union is still alive and present in the Avery Baptist Association. Even with low attendance at two association-wide WMU events held this past year. We still see women who are active and interested in teaching, supporting and promoting missions in our association.

Pineola Baptist Church hosted a WMU training workshop last October, where 3 churches were represented. Big Meadows Church hosted our annual meeting in May, with an attendance of approximately 40 women representing six churches. We all appreciated so much these two host churches supporting these opportunities for fellowship and celebrating missions.

The highlight of missions involvement for our association this past year was the "On Mission Celebration" held on April 26-28. Seven churches were actively and completely involved in celebrating missions for the entire weekend, getting to know nine missionaries currently serving on a variety of mission fields in the United States and around the world. It was an exciting and outstanding weekend involving many people who serve the Lord by their willing service.

Thank you so very much for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the WMU Director for the Avery Baptist Association for the last three years. I have become convinced that we will see God at work most clearly through each person's own involvement in hands-on missions opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Aldridge, WMU Director. 1999 - 2002

Director of Missions Report

Jesus said, "How can two walk together except they be agreed." This verse takes on a whole new meaning as I think of the ministries of Avery Baptist association. Cooperation is what associational ministry is all about. This past year has proven just that. An association is only as strong as its member churches and what the members of those churches choose to make it.

We have seen a lot of ministry efforts in our association this past year. Under the able leadership of Maria Aldridge (WMU) and Cecil Trivett (Baptist Men) we have seen many projects completed. One of our most important projects this year is the Associational Disaster Relief Trailer. This trailer is in the final stages of completion and should be ready for use in a matter of weeks. Another exciting event this past year was our "On Mission Celebration". Seven churches participated in one of the most exciting mission events that we have had in a long time. We have also seen the completion of and furnishing of our "Prophet's Chamber" this past year. Now anyone who stays will be assured of comfort and complete privacy. The association as also able to purchase an adjoining piece of property. We paid of this in full at the time of purchase. Praise the Lord!

Our summer ministry has been one of the busiest and most successful that I can remember. We were fortunate to have Amy Lustig, a member of Long Ridge Baptist Church, serving as our Summer Student Missionary this past year. Through this ministry your association sponsored Backyard Bible Clubs in different locations throughout the county, ministry in the local campgrounds

and a "Prayer Station" booth at the crafts fair. Our efforts to schedule an associational youth crusade were not successful. We tried twice to see this crusade happen and both times we were unsuccessful. We will strive now to plan something for mid-winter for our youth.

This past year I have worked with four churches in their search for a pastor. I have attended three executive committee meetings. eight associational committee meetings. nine Prison Steering Committee meetings, one mission presentation, supplied the pulpit in numerous churches, preached one revival and counseled with over one hundred individuals.

All in all our association is in good shape. We certainly give praise to the Lord for all that He has done to make this past year such a success. Our prayer is that the coming year will be even better.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Whetstine
Director of Missions

TREASURER'S REPORT
Sept. 28, 2001 - Sept. 27, 2002

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	42,844.61
Baptist State Convention	4,416.05
Misc Contributions (OMC, Property, Crusade, Mexico)	8,704.96
Total Receipts	$ 55,965.62

DISBURSEMENTS:

100 Key Leadership Organizations

101 Sunday School	
102 Baptist Men	
103 Evangelism	1,024.25
104 W M U	370.95
105 V B S	147.85
106 Youth Ministry	912.78
107 Music	Deleted
108 Speakers Honorarium	150.00

200 Director of Missions

201 Salary	9,100.01
202 Social Security	1,370.03
203 Utilities and Housing	5,400.00

300 Operating Expenses

301 D O M Expense Reimb. (Travel etc.)	1,400.00
302 Office Telephone	789.07
303 Office Supplies	762.60
304 Office Equipment	400.37
305 Office Utilities	808.42
306 Newsletter Postage	525.00
307 Secretary	5,910.00

308 Equipment Maint. Agreement	540.00
309 New Printer Account	1,800.00
310 Cell Phone Expense	180.08
400 Mission Ministries	
401 Prison Chaplaincy (Blue Ridge Youth Cen.)	1,500.00
402 Resort Ministry	51.64
403 Misc. Mission Fund	864.24
500 Misc. Expense	
501 Insurance (Equipment & Buildings)	1,277.00
502 Health Insurance	8,202.99
503 Building Maintenance	907.17
504 Misc. Expense	160.17
505 Convention Expense	400.00
506 Christmas Gift	400.00
507 Treasurer	250.00
508 Clerk	250.00
509 Property Taxes....(To be deleted)	110.84
510 Quarterly Tax Reports	400.00
511 Christmas Gift, Secretary	200.00
Gen.Fund: (Prop'ty, Survey, Projector, Cabinets)	17,893.33
(O M C)	5,693.36
Total Disburse (Oct. 1, 2001 - Sept. 27, 2002)	70,152.15
Cash on Deposit, September 28, 2001	15,398.71
Add Total Receipts for Fiscal Year	55,965.62
Total	$71,364.33
Less Total Disbursements	-70,152.15
Cash on Deposit - September 27, 2002	$ 1,212.18

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES

CHURCH	CONTRIBUTIONS Oct. 1, 2001 - Sept.30, 2002
Aaron	2,100.00
Beech Mountain	1,643.00
Big Meadows	750.00
Chestnut Dale	1,000.00
Dranberry	1,538.00
Crossnore First	19,285.91
Elk Park First	180.00
Fall Creek	1,320.00
Green Valley	300.00
Jonas Ridge	383.94
Long Ridge	600.00
Minneapolis	840.00
Newland First	1,700.00
Oak Grove	2,100.00
Pilgrim	.00
Pineola	825.00
Pleasant Hill	2,746.47
Pleasant Valley	565.71
Powdermill	1,200.00
Stameytown	453.75
Sugar Mountain	1,093.83
Valley Haven	1,399.00
Whites Memorial	250.00
Yellow Mountain	570.00
N.C. State Convention	4,416.05
Other (Property, OMC, etc.)	8,704.96
TOTALS	**55,965.62**

Avery Baptist Association
Proposed Budget (2002-2003)

100 KEY LEADERSHIP	PRESENT	PROPOSED
101 Sunday School	100.00	100.00
102 Baptist Men	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism	500.00	500.00
104 W M U	400.00	400.00
105 V B S	100.00	100.00
106 Youth Ministry	1,200.00	1,200.00
107 Speaker's Honorarium	300.00	300.00
	2,850.00	2,850.00
200 DIRECTOR OR MISSIONS		
201 Salary	9,100.00	9,100.00
202 Social Security	1,370.00	1,370.00
203 Utilities & Housing	5,400.00	5,400.00
	15,870.00	15,870.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 DOM Expense Reinb	1,400.00	1,400.00
302 Office Telephone	800.00	800.00
303 Office Supplies	1,300.00	1,300.00
304 Office Equipment	1,200.00	1,200.00
305 Office Utilities	1,100.00	1,100.00
306 Newsletter Postage	600.00	700 00
307 Secretary	6,100.00	6,100 00
308 Equipment Maint. Agreement	550.00	550.00
309 New Printer Account	1,800.00	1,800.00
310 Cell Phone Expense	204.24	204.24
	15,054.24	15,154.24

400 MISSION MINISTRIES	PRESENT	PROPOSED
401 Prison Chaplaincy	1,500.00	15,00.00
402 Resort Ministry	500.00	500.00
403 Misc.Mission Fund	1,200.00	1,200.00
	3,200.00	3,200.00
500 MISC. EXPENSE		
501 Insurance (Equip. & Bldg.)	700.00	700.00
502 Health Insurance	8,100.00	10,600.00
503 Building Maint	800.00	800.00
504 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00
505 Convention Expense	500.00	500.00
506 Christmas Gift	400.00	400.00
507 Treasurer	250.00	250.00
508 Clerk	250.00	250.00
509 Quarterly Tax Reports	400.00	400.00
510 Christmas Gift, Sec'y)	200.00	200.00
	11,800.00	14,300.00
TOTALS	48,774.24	51,174.24

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS 2002 - 2003

Moderator.....Rev. Dennis Aldridge
Vice Moderator.....Rev. Dennis Church
Treasurer.....LeNita Platt
Assistant Treasurer.....Judy Greene
Clerk.....Hazel Franklin
Assistant Clerk.....Kim Phillips
Sunday School Director.....Susie Smith
WMU Director.....Becky Sizemore
Baptist Men Director.....Cecil Trivett
VBS Director.....Lori Benfield
Evangelism Director.....Rev. David Burnop
Music Director.....Dale Huffman
Pianist.....Amber Benfield

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Harold Dellinger, Chair
Joe Miller
Becky Sizemore
Dianna Love

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Dennis Church, Chair
Andy Taylor
David Anthony
Lillie Mae Hollifield
Clara Perry

BUDGET & FINANCE
LeNita Platt, Chair
Joe Miller
Linda Poteat
Sam Eller
Hazel Franklin

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE
David Burnop, Chair
Bryan Griffith
Rufus Biddix
John McCoury

CONSTITUTION COMM.
Rodney Millsaps
David Anthony
Lynn Church

NOMINATING COMM.
All Association Key Leaders
plus 3 elected each year
at annual meeting:
Clarence Laws
Cecil Crawford
Monroe Cooke

TRUSTEES
Joe B. Perry
Simon Franklin
David Banner

BUILDING 7 GROUNDS
Roy Woody
Harry Platt
Simon Franklin

RESOLUTIONS COMM.
Patsy Carpenter, Chair
Ruth Brown

91st ANNUAL SESSION
ELK PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2002

The annual meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association was called to order, at 3:00 pm, by Rev. Dennis Aldridge, Moderator. Harry Platt led the congregation in singing the hymn "Since I Have Been Redeemed", followed by a welcome and prayer by Rev. Clarence Laws.

Vice Moderator, Rev. Dennis Church, presented the program for adoption, which was approved as printed. Seconded by Rev. Laws.

Hazel Franklin, Clerk, called the roll of churches, noting that 20 churches were represented, with 60 members present. Under miscellaneous business, a note from the Resolutions Committee was read by Rev. Whetstine, thanking the First Baptist Church of Elk Park for their warm hospitality and generosity in hosting this meeting. He then introduced the new pastors to the Association, Rev. Richard Hollifield of Stameytown Baptist Church, and Rev. Monroe Cooke of Long Ridge Baptist Church.

Special music was provided by "Calvary Way" singers, and we thank them for an excellent performance. This was followed by some interesting "Mission Moments" by Eddie Williams of Spruce Pine, telling of some of his experiences, adding his testimony and using Acts 16:31.

The WMU report was presented by Becky Sizemore, Associational Director, and she urged all pastors to utilize WMU in their churches. This was followed by a congregational hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", lead by Harry Platt.

The following Associational reports were presented, and all adopted as given:

1. Treasurer's Report, followed by Budget & Finance Report, by LeNita Platt.
2. Nominating Committee Report, by Rev. Daniel Whestine.
3. Memorials Report, by Hazel Franklin.

The history of the host church, First Baptist of Elk Park, was given by a member, Mrs. Edith Bowlick, and was submitted to be placed in the Minute Book, immediately following these minutes.

Rev. Whetstine presented the Director of Missions Report to be adopted as printed in the Book of Reports, and this was done. He made mention of all that was accomplished over the year, giving God the glory. He stated these things could not have been done without the cooperation of all the churches.

The congregation was led in another hymn; and, Becky Sizemore sang an

inspirational solo. Rev. Dennis Aldridge brought the annual sermon, using Deut. 10:12 to illustrate his points. The afternoon session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Richard Hollifield, with blessing for the evening meal, provided by the host church.

EVENING SESSION:

The Moderator called the evening session to order at 7:00 pm, and Harry Platt led an opening hymn, "I Am Thine O Lord". Scripture from Matthew 14:15 was read by Rev. Monroe Cooke, and he led in prayer. A roll call of churches was made by Hazel Franklin, with 16 churches represented and 47 messengers present.

Under miscellaneous business, and election of officers was called for the Nominating Committee, with Rev. Clarence Laws, Cecil Crawford, and Monroe Cooke elected. This was followed by a special prayer by Rev. Dennis Aldridge.

A very interesting report on the Blue Ridge Prison Ministry, was given by Chaplain Russel Hoilman, prompting a special prayer by Rev. Joe Miller.

Mr. Lloyd Fish brought an enlightening report from The Baptist Children's Home, and he passed out colored paper strips for prayers to be written on and returned. These would then be joined in links for the prayer chain at the N.C. State Convention.

Susie Smith, Director of Avery Citizens Against Domestic Abuse, gave an up-to-date report on ACADA.

After a congregational hymn, the churches were "Challenged" by the evening message by Rev. Harold Dellinger. He used I Kings 2:15 as reference scripture. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Whetstine.

HISTORY OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ELK PARK

It was about 1914 that the Elk Park Baptist Church building burned, destroying all records.

However, on June 23, 1917, those members who remained met together and reorganized without a pastor, church building, or past records. The members up to this time, being few in number - many of whom had moved or were unable to function any more - had been worshiping with other area churches.

The names of the members remaining at this time were found to be (only 20) W. G. Buchanan, W. F. Meredith, J. N. Pritchard, W. N. Carroll, C. S. Carroll, Mrs. Gertrude Carroll, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Buchanan, Mr. & Mrs. Johnson Jennings, Mr. & Mrs. John Jennings, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Hobson, Mrs. D. T. Brinkley, Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Hobson, Mrs. W. W. Shores, J. O. Davis and Mrs. B. M. Hamrick.

They met together and decided to see about calling a pastor and to get lined up to build a church. It was decided to call Rev. M. L. Buchanan of Bakersville as pastor. He accepted and services for a year were held once a month in the Methodist and Christian churches, who so kindly offered their facilities. No progress was made toward building a church, and the war soon broke out. At. Rev. M. L. Buchanan's resignation, the church was held together under the leadership of w. G. Buchanan who was tireless in his efforts. e led the church through the "75 Million Dollar Campaign", and though some members had moved away by this time, the church subscribed $84.00 a year for 5 years.

The church began to grow as it met in homes on Sunday afternoons, and planned its work ahead. Financing was the big proposition at this time. However, the church held together and kept up its pledges without a pastor until it was learned that Rev. N. S. Hampton was the Missionary of Avery

County, paid by the State Board. He was invited and met with the church. A committee was appointed to locate a suitable place to build, to find the cost of land, etc. If the members did their best, he thought that the State Board would help. He was elected pastor for a year, and during that time a desirable lot was donated to the church by D. T. Brinkley. W. W. Shores gave $300.00, and the Board gave $500.00. Each member worked hard. The foundation was laid and by self-sacrifice the building was completed. Rev. Hampton was also working with Newland Church. He thought it best that the two churches share a pastor, and in 1922, D. P. Bridges was called to supply both churches. After two years, Rev. Bridges' health forced his resignation, and upon his recommendation, Rev. J. W. P. Hill came to us.

Over the years, many great men of God have served the First Baptist Church here in Elk Park, many saintly people have labored here, many are the memories it has been our privilege to share. Besides those mentioned earlier, some of the pastors who have faithfully served are: J. W. P. Hill, J. R. Hodges, L. M. Deaton, J. R. Davis, Roby L. Painter, W. W. Ward, Dr. W. R. Smith, E. B. Hughes, Claude Wilson, Hascal Ingrim, Dayton Jones, Frank Parsons, Glen Gentry, Ward Sims, J. R. Brooks, Carson Eggers, Rufus Biddix and Clarence Laws.

About 1975, the fellowship hall was added and many other improvements have been made over the years. Many Evangelists have held revivals during the years, some of the earlier ones were J. C. Kendrick, B. Townsend, J. C. Canipe, Julius Henline, and Clay Wilson.

There have been many struggles, and the growth has never been phenomenal, but there is a wonderful spiritual fellowship and love among its members, and souls have been saved here!

Respectfully submitted,
Edith C. Bowlick

MEMORIALS

AARON - Mr. Clyde Sudderth

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Miss Margie Trivette, Mrs. Louelle Flick

BIG MEADOWS - Mrs. Oakla Johnson, Mrs. Bertie Vance

CROSSNORE - Mr. Joe Henson, Mr. Harry Cuthbertson, Mrs Evelyn Doan

GREEN VALLEY - Mr. Wayne W. Hall

NEWLAND - Mr. Balsm Daniels

OAK GROVE - Mrs. Essie Harrington

PINEOLA - Mr. Charles Clark

POWDERMILL - Mrs. Pearl Freeman, Mrs. Gladys Cantrelll

WHITES MEMORIAL - Mrs. Zella Dellinger, Mrs. Mae Wiseman, Mr. Wayne Pittman

YELLOW MOUNTAIN - Mr. Ted Snyder

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
2002 - 2003

AARON - Rev. Dennis Aldridge, Mr. Tony Holden, Mr. Ed. Sudderth

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Mr. Eddie Storey, Mrs. Carolyn Church, Mrs. Elizabeth Nunley

BIG MEADOWS - Rev. Wesley Duncan, Mrs. Lucille Buchanan, Mr. Eddie Shook, Mr. Tim Singleton

CHESTNUT DALE - Rev. Jerry Burleson, Mr. Conley Huffman

CRANBERRY - Rev. David Burnop, Mr. Kirk Potter

CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Mrs. Polly Heafner, Mr. Harry Platt, Mrs. LeNita Platt

ELK PARK FIRST - Rev. Clarence Laws, Mr. Elbert McCoury, Mrs. Edith Bolick, Mr. Dale McCoury

FALL CREEK - Mr. Cecil Crawford, Mr. Maynard Clawson, Mr. Gary Gardner

GREEN VALLEY - Rev. Rufus Biddix

JONAS RIDGE - Rev. James Yelton, Mr. Sam Franklin, Mrs. Virginia Franklin, Mrs. Nellie Singleton, Mr. Russell Singleton

LONG RIDGE - Rev. Monroe Cooke, Mr. Roy Woody, Mr. Dwight Woody

MINNEAPOLIS - Rev. Bryan Griffith, Mr. Mike Storie, Mr. Champ Young, Mrs. Ruth Young

NEWLAND FIRST - Dr. Bill Jones

OAK GROVE - Rev. Ron Greene, Mrs. Sharon Watson, Mr. James Magner, Mr. Randy Singleton

PILGRIM - Rev. Donald Gragg

PINEOLA - Rev. Joe Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Andrews, Mrs. Rebecca Sizemore, Mrs. Brenda Ollis

PLEASANT HILL - Rev. Rodney Millsaps, Mrs. Janey Millsaps, Mr Andrew Taylor, Mrs. Brenda Taylor, Mr. Leonard Staton, Mrs. Jessie Staton.

PLEASANT VALLEY - rev. Harry Lee Turbyfill, Mrs. Frankie Bare, Mr. Harry Gwyn, Mrs. Helen Gwyn.

POWDERMILL - Rev. Harold Dellinger, Mrs. Florence Dellinger

STAMEYTOWN - Mr. Simon Franklin, Mrs. Hazel Franklin, Mr. Terry Calloway

SUGAR MOUNTAIN - Rev. Josh Dobson, Mr. David Banner, Mrs. Barbara Banner, Mrs. Louise Banner

VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strahan, Mrs. Henry Strahan, Mr. Joe B. Perry, Mrs. Clara, Perry

WHITES MEMORIAL - Rev. Shane Buchanan, Mrs. Pearl Ollis, Mr. Dexter Ollis, Mr. Jeff Vance, Mr. Floyd Warren

YELLOW MOUNTAIN - Rev. Jude Hughes

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2002 - 2003

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FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
Mrs. LeNita Platt, 747 Michelle Lane, Newland, NC
733-8100

HISTORICAL TABLES

1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis
1913	Pleasant Hill	W. H. Ollis
1914	Big Meadows	D. A. Green
1915	Jonas Ridge	D. A. Green
1916	Yellow Mountain	D. A. Green
1917	Roaring Creek	S. M. Pittman
1918	Green Valley	R. T. Lewis
1919	Crossnore	R. T. Lewis
1920	Minneapolis	N. S. Hampton
1921	Beech Mountain	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	N. S. Hampton
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton
1925	Chestnut Dale	N. S. Hampton
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton
1927	Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton
1928	Jonas Ridge	K. L. Haga
1929	Yellow Mountain	K. L. Haga
1930	Roaring Creek	E. W. Buchanan
1931	Aaron	E. W. Buchanan
1932	Crossnore	E. W. Buchanan
1933	Powdermill	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Pleasant	G. D. Danner
1935	Beech Mountain	V. W. Green
1936	Pineola	V. W. Green
1937	Flat Springs	V. W. Green
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Green
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Green
1940	Newland	R. T. Teague
1941	Yellow Mountain	R. T. Teague
1942	Elk Valley	R. L. Painter
1943	Belview	D. N. Jones

HISTORICAL TABLES (Cont.)

1944	Elk Park	D. N. Jones
1945	Pleasant Hill & Minneapolis	V. W. Green
1946	Jonas Ridge & Oak Grove	D. N. Jones
1947	Cranberry	W. H. Ollis
1948	Powdermill	S. M. Pittman
1949	Crossnore & Mt. Pleasant	C. C. Bryant
1950	Aaron & Newland	J. W. Costner
1951	Elk Valley & Valley Haven	J. C. Brown
1952	Sugar Mtn. & Big Meadows	Mack Hodge
1953	Belview & Minneapolis	Mack Hodge
1954	Fairview & Whites Memorial	Mack Hodge
1955	Flat Springs & Beech Mtn.	Mack Hodge
1956	Pleasant Hill & Newland	D. N. Jones
1957	Crossnore & Chestnut Dale	Ira Hodges
1958	Fall Creek & Roaring Creek	Howard Hodges
1959	Elk Park & Cranberry	Howard Hodges
1960	Oak Grove & Stameytown	G. H. Dellinger
1961	Aaron & Jonas Ridge	G. H. Dellinger
1962	Minneapolis & Pleasant Hill	Marion Smith
1963	Beech Mtn. & Elk Valley	Marion Smith
1964	Powdermill & Belview	D. N. Jones
1965	Valley Haven & Cranberry	Raymond Turbyfill
1966	Flat Springs & Fall Creek	Raymond Turbyfill
1967	Yellow Mtn. & Whites Mem.	Raymond Turbyfill
1968	Pleasant Hill & Big Meadows	Joe Puett
1969	Beech Mtn. & Mt. Pleasant	Joe Puett
1970	Crossnore & Minneapolis	Max Holland
1971	Newland & Aaron	Robert Lindley
1972	Belview & Beech Mountain	Robert Lindley
1973	Big Mead. & Chestnut Dale	Lee Pittman
1974	Cranberry & Crossnore	Loyd Ramsey
1975	Elk Park & Elk Valley	Loyd Ramsey

HISTORICAL TABLES (Cont.)

1976	Fall Creek & Fairview	Roy Lee Barbee
1977	Jonas Ridge & Green Valley	Kenneth Lance
1978	Newland & Oak Grove	Kenneth Lance
1979	Pilgrim & Pineola	Tommy Wagner
1980	Pleasant Hill & Pleasant Val'y	Harry Turbyfill
1981	Powdermill & Stameytown	Jack Bryant
1982	Sugar Mtn. & Valley Haven	Richard Holiifield
1983	Whites Mem. & Yellow Mtn.	Richard Hollifield
1984	Aaron & Beech Mountain	Harold Dleeinger
1985	Big Meadows & Chestnut Dale	Bill Jones
1986	Crossnore & Elk Park	Elbert McCoury
1987	Fall Creek & Jonas Ridge	Elbert McCoury
1988	Cranberry & Green Valley	Clarence Laws
1989	Newland & Oak Grove	Clarence Laws
1990	Pineola & Pleasant Hill	Omar Trivett
1991	Pleasant Valley & Powdermill	Omar Trivett
1992	Stameytown	Max Smith
1993	Sugar Mountain	Max Smith
1994	Valley Haven	Calvin Vance
1995	Whites Memorial	Bill Jones
1996	Aaron	Bill Jones
1997	Beech Mountain	David Banner
1998	Big Meadows	Joe Miller
1999	Chestnut Dale	Joe Miller
2000	Cranberry	Lander Heafner
2001	Crossnore	Lander Heafner
2002	Elk Park First	Dennis Aldridge

Statistical Tables

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
Training
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Aaron	99	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Beech Mt.	211	122	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	80	65	9	4	7	7	13	18	32	10	10	0
Chestnut Dale	62	55	2	8	1	2	4	8	22	17	0	0
Cranberry	83	70	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Crossnore	509	453	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Elk Park	84	53	4	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	3	0
Fall Creek	157	86	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Green Valley	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	195	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Long Ridge	51	0	6	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	7	10
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	431	375	9	0	0	6	0	1	2	0	3	12
Oak Grove	310	305	17	0	1	2	8	1	5	0	1	1
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	75	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Pleasant Hill	264	226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	40	0	6	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0
Powdermill	126	126	13	10	5	14	12	13	42	17	5	0
Stameytown	55	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	48	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	100	100	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	135	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0
Assoc. Totals	13,054	12,169	83	22	16	38	47	47	100	46	46	23

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Interc. Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Ass. Miss. On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Aaron	1849	2001	B	90	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Beech Mt.	1869	1996	A	44	0	0	N	N	N
Big Meadows	1845	2001	A	75	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	1903	1997	A	49	0	0	N	Y	N
Cranberry	1907	1997	B	60	0	0	0	Y	0
Crossnore	1907	1983	C	340	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Elk Park	1917	1993	C	0	0	0	N	N	Y
Fall Creek	1886	0	A	57	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Green Valley	1897	0	A	35	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	1887	0	A	65	0	0	Y	Y	Y

Long Ridge	1945	2001	A	40	0	2	N	Y	Y
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	1921	1983	C	275	0	1	Y	Y	Y
Oak Grove	1900	1999	C	150	0	0	Y	N	Y
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	1912	1994	A	50	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Pleasant Hill	1905	2000	A	120	0	0	N	Y	N
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	1914	1991	A	95	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Stameytown	1947	2002	A	25	0	0	Y	Y	N
Sugar Mtn.	1950	2000	A	30	0	0	N	N	N
Valley Haven	1935	0	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	1949	2001	A	40	0	0	Y	N	Y
Yellow Mtn.	1869	2000	A	50	0	0	Y	Y	0
Assoc. Totals				1690	0	3			

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15a-(Birth-5) 15b-(6-11) 15c-(12-17) 15d-(18-24) 15e-(25-34) 15f-(35-54) 15g-(55-64) 15h-(65-up) 15i-Gen. Officers 15j-Other Bible Study 16-Avg Wkly SS Att 17-SS Not Member 18-VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Aaron	80	4	5	2	5	8	10	24	20	2	20	50	0	25
Beech Mt.	62	4	7	9	4	2	17	6	13	0	18	44	0	64
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	45	7	4	3	5	7	3	4	6	5	0	35	0	36
Cranberry	58	3	15	10	6	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	394	25	42	48	33	52	86	85	19	4	0	225	33	183
Elk Park	47	5	4	9	3	4	10	3	7	2	0	30	8	44
Fall Creek	77	5	6	2	4	8	16	18	18	8	40	55	0	17
Green Valley	21	1	2	2	0	2	6	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	62	5	5	4	3	1	9	15	0	0	20	50	20	0

Long Ridge	36	1	0	4	6	1	14	2	8	0	0	29	12	40
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	250	24	24	30	15	46	44	24	40	4	0	110	0	60
Oak Grove	148	24	15	22	8	25	12	7	34	1	0	90	0	127
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	45
Pleasant Hill	131	15	11	10	13	9	27	23	20	4	0	93	15	94
PleasantVal.	48	0	3	5	10	10	0	10	5	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	91	7	10	9	6	15	17	12	10	15	0	65	4	75
Stameytown	35	0	8	4	0	0	0	0	5	10	0	21	0	24
Sugar Mtn.	56	2	10	2	0	7	3	24	8	0	0	32	0	40
Valley Haven	21	2	1	3	0	0	3	10	2	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	40	4	4	3	2	2	2	6	5	12	25	24	6	62
Yellow Mtn.	35	0	4	3	5	5	4	4	4	6	0	33	2	40
Assoc. Totals	1,772	138	180	184	128	207	291	281	228	73	123	1,021	100	976

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	105	6	25	20	50	4	4	0	0	0	12
Oak Grove	127	24	15	22	66	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	60	7	5	7	38	3	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	12	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	25	2	6	2	15	5	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	19	4	12	0	0	3	4	0	0	2	2
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	348	43	63	54	169	18	8	0	0	2	14

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:
21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up)
21a-(3-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Aaron	24	0	0	0	24	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	57	4	14	13	25	1
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	10	5	10	10	0
Crossnore	140	3	23	35	57	22
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	36	1	3	1	31	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	24	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	73	0	25	0	45	3
Oak Grove	62	10	10	8	30	4
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	12	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	62	6	6	9	41	7
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	48	4	10	6	20	8
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	12	0	0	0	12	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	20	6	4	2	8	0
Yellow Mtn.	20	0	5	0	15	0
Assoc. Totals	590	44	105	84	318	45

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:
23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b-(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 24d-Miss. Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up) 25-Other

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Aaron	26	0	0	0	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	20	0	0	0	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	101	10	8	8	67	8	52	10	12	30	0	7
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	20	1	3	0	21	4	8	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	9	0	0	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland,First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	24	5	5	7	0	7	15	7	5	3	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	209	16	16	16	150	27	80	17	17	33	0	7

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Aaron	68,307	18,848	0	4,800	2,110	75	425	1,837	3,008	2,279
Beech Mt.	30,093	4,442	772	1,323	2,871	0	0	2,833	0	5,399
Big Meadows	78,815	1,760	0	0	1,800	0	300	325	0	0
Chestnut Dale	35,814	0	0	2,000	1,250	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	3,000	8,000	0	0	1,500	446	350	300	0	500
Crossnore	376,249	75,337	1,825	72,589	20,9861	12,432	2,773	5,554	2,000	7,500
Elk Park	14,997	3,108	11	754	180	0	285	290	294	1,698
Fall Creek	48,007	6,863	0	1,260	1,320	225	2,102	2,035	725	7,842
Green Valley	17,874	5,171	0	0	1,061	468	0	578	0	3,900
Jonas Ridge	26,449	1,366	0	1,437	375	0	300	135	0	273

Long Ridge	29,067	1,544	0	3,169	984	173	100	100	0	1,206
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newland, First	349,946	0	0	7,200	3,600	1,600	1,853	3,230	0	8,300
Oak Grove	127,306	43,691	777	6,000	2,100	0	3,000	2,500	2,685	13,016
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	48,420	0	0	7,935	900	684	706	1,421	400	0
Pleasant Hill	105,520	2,130	0	0	3,249	1,047	4,497	16,313	2,092	14,274
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	49,400	43,034	0	0	1,200	600	0	257	0	0
Stameytown	16,869	528	0	910	454	135	277	332	0	850
SugarMountain	36,627	28,182	0	0	1,122	0	266	402	0	4,348
Valley Haven	0	500	0	1,065	1,065	0	0	200	100	500
Whites Mem	23,349	15,167	0	200	325	0	0	725	725	1,639
Yellow Mtn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	1,486,109	259,672	3,385	1,06642	237,327	17,385	18,217	39,327	12,029	73,024

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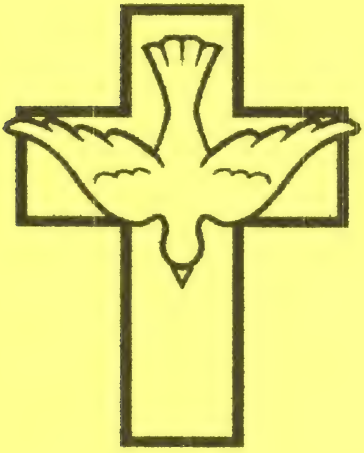

"Rejoice in the Lord..." Phil. 4:4

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

AVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH:
FALL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 3, 2003

THE NEXT SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH
GREEN VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 1, 2004

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We the affiliated Southern Baptist Churches of Avery County and one of Burke County, to facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel, to provide a medium of cooperation and recognize our interdependence and our dependence upon our Lord Jesus Christ; but in no case presume to direct or control the cooperative churches in reference to their government of internal policy; do hereby purpose to establish and maintain an Avery Southern Baptist Association in accordance with the following plan:

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. It is the purpose of the association to provide an organization for the Southern Baptist Churches affiliated with it.
Section 2. To encourage them to faithfulness in every endeavor which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Section 3. To encourage them in the support of the association, Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptist Convention.
Section 4. To cultivate a friendly and helpful union among the affiliated churches for their mutual benefit; and to engage in cooperative endeavors which the individual churches might be unable to accomplish alone.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of those churches represented by duly elected messengers for the annual meeting and representation elected by the local church to represent in other endeavors, from their membership, affiliated through prayerful and financial support of the body, known as the Avery Baptist Association - and:

a. Faith and practice of member churches shall harmonize with generally accepted articles of faith of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

b. Maintain affiliation by a letter of report to the annual associational meeting.

c. Financial support is vital to carry on work through the associational body and the ongoing ministries of the churches working together. A suggested goal of three (3) percent of the financial receipts of the cooperating churches is suggested as a minimum contribution.

Section 2. Each church having resident membership of one hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger.

Section 3. The pastors who are members or who are laboring in connection with said church.

Section 4. The duly elected officers of the association.

Section 5. The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

Section 1. The Baptist churches, which have petitioned for membership, been examined by the duly designated committee of this body, presented before the association, and by a vote of the association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose of the undertaking of the body, shall comprise the list of affiliated

churches.
Section 2. The vote of the association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but not bind them in any way; yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body, it may justly acclaim for itself, for objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Section 2. There shall be a membership, Constitution, By-laws and study committee consisting of the Director of Missions, Moderator and three (3) others elected annually.
Section 3. This committee shall examine withdrawals of affiliation of any churches to the Avery Southern Baptist Association.
Section 4. Any church desiring membership with the association shall place their request with the above stated committee. The committee will in turn inform the executive committee at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting about the request. When the Executive Committee has taken action on the request of the church, it shall be presented to the association in the annual meeting.
Section 5. Should any church disqualify itself by practice or doctrines contrary to those of the association, as stated in Article III on membership, or fail to represent itself by messenger or letter more than two (2) consecutive sessions without reason, or threats with contempt the objectives and requirements of the association, the association may dissolve connection with such church. This may be done by action taken in the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Any issue once presented to the association in regular session, after coming through the related committee and Executive Committee, being voted upon, must have a period of two (2) years of waiting before being presented again.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist their attendance at all sessions of the given associational meeting.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the church to have their associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing. The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the association fourteen (14) days prior to the time for the annual meeting.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of each church to prayerfully uphold and financially support the association work.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association will be held annually on the first Friday of the month of October unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the association.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice- moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, Music Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed. These officers shall be members of the affiliated Baptist churches and the duly elected

various organizations, subject to the approval of the association.
Section 2. Their active term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body, unless herein after or before stated.
Section 3. It is suggested two (2) years of service be encouraged, and even longer would be advantageous to the association work, unless contrary to specifications otherwise stated in this document.
(A) MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to act;
1. In an executive capacity of all meetings according to the principles of a presiding officer.
2. As ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise specified.
3. The term of the moderator shall not exceed two (2) years in succession, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one (1) year.
(B) VICE-MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the moderator to serve as presiding officer. The Vice-Moderator will function in other capacities necessary to association work, if the moderator is unable to perform, or as requested. This includes completion of term, due to resignation.
1. Will serve as chairman of the program committee.
(C) CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and, together with a publishing committee with shall consist of a moderator and two other appointed members of the association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body.
1. Attendance of the Executive Committee meetings is encouraged at all times, or arrangements for coverage.
(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: Assist the clerk in all tasks; and will function in the absence of the clerk, or at any time the clerk is unable to perform.
(E) TREASURER: As Treasurer, he or she shall keep records of

all funds coming into his or her possession, and an account of all disbursements.

1. Give a printed monthly and annual financial report.
2. Provide records for a yearly audit.
3. Serve with the finance committee.

(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall be prepared for and function in the absence of the treasurer, or any time the latter is unable to perform.

(G) HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the association.

(H) PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall guide the business of the Association, as called upon, through interpretation of the guidelines set forth and specified in the constitution and/or By-laws. If not specified therein, then in accordance the Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 4. The various heads of organizations, namely Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Chairman of Evangelism and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed shall preside over the activities of these ministries and promote the working of the same.

Section 5. The Director of Missions shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

(A) The officers of the association.

(B) The pastor of each church, who is a member of, or laboring in connection with, said church and one lay member of the church.

(C) Two lay members, nominated and elected by the church who does not have a pastor or member to represent them.

(D) The name of the lay members of the Executive Committee, elected by their respective churches, shall be reported to the association in the church letter of report, for the annual meeting.

They shall take office in like manner, as other members.
(E) This committee shall meet quarterly as prescribed by the associational calendar activities.
(F) The Executive Committee shall be authorized to hold special meetings if needed, upon call of the Moderator, or in the Moderator's absence the Vice-Moderator, or the Director of Missions. Notice must be given to each member church and associational executive officers one week in advance for any special meeting.
This committee shall submit full report of its work to the association at each session.
Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding on the association (subject to their approval at the annual session), together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual association budget.
Section 3. The Associational Council shall be composed of the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Missions Committee, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, Stewardship Director, and the Director of Missions, who will serve as chairman of the Associational Council. The duties of the Associational Council are:
1. To promote all work of the association.
2. To prepare a calendar of activities. If any cancellations take place after dates have been approved and placed in the printed calendar, it will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the Program Committee (Vice-Moderator) to see that proper notice has been mailed to the churches.
Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members, including the Treasurer. The five (5) others will be

recommended by the nominating committee. No church shall have more than one(1) representative. Two (2) of the five (5) nominated will rotate off at one time and three (3) the next rotation time.

(A) It is recommended the members of the Finance Committee serve at lest two (2) years and longer, if approved, not to exceed five (5) years without a lapse of at least one (1) year of service.

(B) This committee will be responsible for preparation and recommendation of an early Associational Budget after contact with chairmen of committees, directors, the Director of Missions and awareness of office needs to perpetuate the Avery Southern Baptist Association work, then presented through associational procedure.

(C) This committee shall assist in other financial needs and, when called upon, function in such matters.

Section 5.

(A)The Nominating Committee will consist of Avery Baptist Associational key leaders, which include the following: Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Mission Committee Chairman, plus three members to be elected at the annual meeting. The Moderator and Director of Missions shall be ex-officio members.

(B) The duties of the committee shall be to elect a chairman and to bring nominations for all the general officers of the Avery Baptist Association; all department heads, standing and rotating committees, representatives of the denominational agencies and institutions, and General Board representative (who serves a four (4) year term unless completing a term due to resignation).

(C) They shall contact all those to be recommended to fill offices before their names are to be presented.

(D) In event that any office becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Executive Committee.

(E) This committee shall have additional members as the need arises.

Section 6. Program Committee shall consist of three (3) members including the Vice-Moderator who shall be chairman. They shall contact all those to be on the program and inform those to give reports. This committee shall be recommended to the Nominating Committee.

Section 7. Trustee Committee shall be composed of three (3) persons. They shall have the responsibility of holding the deeds for associational property, signing any notes, mortgages, or other legal documents pertaining to the property of the association. They shall meet at the call of any need in reference to their job.

Section 8. The Ordination Advisory Committee shall be composed of six (6) members who shall act in an advisory capacity for churches or for ministerial students seeking ordination counseling. The committee shall assist in the ordination of candidates for the ministry only after their call to some specific position in Christian service, and shall refrain from announcing the date for ordination until after the Advisory Committee approval of the candidate.

Section 9. The Properties Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to care for all physical properties of the association. This includes such items as repair and maintenance, insurance property improvement, office and other equipment and long range planning for development and the like.

Section 10. The Membership, Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee shall be composed of three (3) members who are responsible for the examination of the affiliation and/or withdrawal of any church in the Avery Baptist Association. The committee will bring to the association body, through required channels, the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as needs arise.

Section 11. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to examine all financial records and then bring its report to the association.

Section 12. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of two

(2) members whose duty it shall be to present to the association such resolutions as they deem in order, or which may be referred to them.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting provided such an alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the morning session and acted upon at the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed, in as far as applicable, in the governing of the Avery Southern Baptist Association, where not otherwise specified by the Constitution or By-Laws.

AMENDMENT I

The Executive Committee shall meet three times yearly instead of Quarterly.

Executive Committee Reports

January 20, 2003

The Executive Committee of the Avery Baptist Association, met in conference on Monday, January 20, 2003, at Oak Grove Baptist Church. After the Moderator, Rev. Dennis Aldridge, called the meeting to order, Rev. Ron Greene, pastor of the host church, gave a devotion and led in prayer.

In the absence of the Clerk, the Moderator made the Roll Call of Churches, noting there were 13 messengers present, representing

7 churches. The Director of Missions presented the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted as printed.

Rev. Whetstine then gave a report on summer mission opportunities and the need for a summer student missionary. He also discussed the upcoming mission trip to Illinois, and ended with encouraging everyone to attend the scheduled VBS Clinic on February 25th.

Mr. Bob Daniels asked for information on the West Virginia project.

April 24, 2003

The second quarterly Executive Committee Meeting, of the Avery Baptist Association, was held on Thursday, April 24th, at Powdermill Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by Vice-Moderator, Rev. Dennis Church, in the absence of Moderator Rev. Dennis Aldridge. Rev. Harold Dellinger, pastor of the host church, led in a devotion and prayer.

In a roll call of churches, by Hazel Franklin, Clerk, it was noted that 16 messengers were present, with 7 churches represented. Due to an oversight, the minutes of the last Executive Committee Meeting, could not be read at this time.

A Financial Report was presented by LeNita Platt, which was accepted as printed.

There was no old business to be discussed. At this time, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, gave an update on the proposed mission trip to Illinois, which is currently scheduled for the week of June 6-13th. There was no new business to be brought before the Committee at this time, and a motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Harold Dellinger, and seconded by Dwight Woody. Rev. John McCoury dismissed in prayer.

July 10, 2003

The Executive Committee of the Avery Baptist Association, met for the third quarterly meeting, on Thursday, July 10th, at 7:00 pm. Stameytown Baptist Church was the host church, and Rev. Dennis Aldridge, Moderator, called the meeting to order. Rev. Richard Hollifield, pastor of Stameytown Baptist Church, welcomed everyone, and led in prayer.

Mrs. Hazel Franklin, Clerk, read the minutes of the last meeting, followed by the roll call of churches, noting there were 5 churches represented and 11 messengers present. The Treasurer's Report was presented by LeNita Platt, which was accepted as printed.

No items of old business were noted from the minutes, and there was no new business to bring before the group at this time. However, the following announcements were made by Daniel Whetstine. The Association will again have a booth at the Avery Arts Council Crafts Fair, on July 26th, giving out tracts, balloons, and cups of cold water. A Youth Rally is planned for the evening of the 26th, at Pinebridge, combining Avery and Mitchell Associations. On July 28th-30th, a missions VBS will be held at the city park, in Elk Park.

In reply to questions from Rev. Joe Miller, Rev. Whetstine stated the Associational Fall Revival is in the schedule, but no definite plans at this time. Also, the Annual Associational Meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 3rd, at Fall Creek Baptist Church.

A motion to adjourn was made by Harry Platt, and Rev. Dennis Aldridge dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Hazel Franklin, Clerk

92nd ANNUAL SESSION
FALL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2003

The annual meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association was called to order this date, at 3:00 pm, by Rev. Dennis Aldridge, Moderator. Harry Platt led the congregation in singing the hymn, "Trust & Obey", followed by a welcome, scripture and prayer by Rev. Jacob Willis.

Rev. Dennis Church, Vice Moderator, presented the program for the day be accepted as printed, and this was accepted unanimously.

Hazel Franklin, Clerk, called the roll of churches, noting that 14 churches were represented, with 78 messengers present. Rev. Aldridge called for miscellaneous business and introduction of new pastors at this time. Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, gave a report on the new church, New Life Baptist, and asked that it be placed under the watch care of the Association. Motion to this effect was made by Harry Platt, a second was made, and the vote was unanimous. No new pastors were noted.

Special music, by Becky Sizemore, was enjoyed at this time. This was followed by the Director of Missions Report, given by Rev. Whetstine, and motion was made and seconded to adopt the report. The congregation was then led in another hymn.

The following Associational reports were presented, and all adopted as given:

1. Treasurer's Report and Budget & Finance Report, given by LeNita Platt

2. Nominating Committee Report, by Dennis Church, presenting the three new members to serve the next year: Carolyn Church, Jerry Gardner, and Ike Taylor.

3. Memorials for the fiscal year, by Hazel Franklin.

Motion by Tess McNabb and second by Conley Huffman, to accept the above reports, and was carried unanimously.

An interesting history of Fall Creek Baptist Church was given by Ruth McCloud, and will be included in this Minute Book following

these minutes.

Rev. Lester Evans of the State Missions Board, brought that report, listed under prior State reports, and this was followed by the Baptist Childrens Home report, by Lloyd Fish.

After another congregational hymn, a timely report on the Blue Ridge Prison Ministry was given by Rev. Russel Hoilman, Chaplain.

A special solo was enjoyed by all, by Mrs. Janet Millsaps, prior to the Annual Sermon given by her husband, and pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Rev. Rodney Millsaps. He used Exodus 33, for his sermon.

The Session was dismissed at 5:30, with a blessing for supper.

EVENING SESSION:

Rev. Dennis Aldridge called the evening session to order, and Harry Platt led in the hymn, "Victory in Jesus". Rev. Henry Strahan read Scripture from Hebrews 10, and led in prayer. In a Roll Call of churches, there were 11 churches present, and 50 messengers present.

Moderator, Rev. Dennis Aldridge, called for miscellaneous business, at which time, on behalf of the Resolutions Committee, he issued a "Thank You" to Fall Creek Church for their great hospitality, and especially to the ladies for the delicious meal.

The Mission Message was brought by Lamar and Betsy Tribble, retired missionaries to Bolivia and Chile), stating they had spent 32 years in the Mission Field. He used Phil. 4:4, and 10-13 to carry his message.

Buck and Alice Marie Wicker provided special music, followed by a congregation hymn.

The Challenge Message was brought by Rev. Steve Stronach, interim pastor of Whites Memorial Baptist Church, using Exekiel verse 37:1 as his main point.

The evening session adjourned at 9:00 pm., with prayer.

HISTORY OF
FALL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

The Fall Creek Baptist Church, in Watauga County at that time, was formed on July 1, 1885.The first register was composed of 34 male and 40 female. Among the first of our officers was church clerk, George W. Brown. Our first pastor was Jacob Younce, who received a salary of $1.50 per month.

Shortly following our establishment, we held our first baptismal service at the Ford of Elk. Candidates for baptism were: Lucinola Brown, Jacob Evans, and Lycha Evans.

In August 1885, Fall Creek joined the Three Forks Association of Watauga County. Upon joining the association. we sent George W. Brown, Jacob Evans, and Thomas A. Walsh as delegates. We also sent $ .50 to cover the printing of the minutes.

The Church continued to grow and prosper, and in June 1886 we held our first communion service. Invited to assist us were two sister churches, Beech Mountain No. One and Beech Mountain No. Two. By the end of the year, the need had arisen for a church treasurer, and on December 11, 1886 Jacob Evans was elected by vote of the church.

Up to this point meetings were still being held in the Fall Creek School House. Early in 1887 it was decided to construct a formal church building. As a result, on March 12, 1887 a building committee was formed to "supertin the build". Elected to this committee were George W. Brown, Jacob A. Evans, and Thomas A. Walsh. By fall we were in our new church, and on September 10 James E. Parlier was appointed as janitor. Mr. Parlier received no pay for many years. however it was later voted to pay him $2.00 a year. On March 24, 1888 we elected our first and only assistant pastor, Rev. J. H. McBride.

By the turn of the century, we began to see the need to spread the gospel thru missions. In August 1901 we received the first collection totaling $2.00. This collection was sent to the orphanage. On May 10, 1902 another offering of $3.00 was received and divided between the orphanage and foreign missions.

Our first Sunday School was started in 1918 with our first Superintendent, Tillet B. Gryder, being elected on May 9 of that year.

By 1906 the church building needed repairs to the roof and James E.

Parlier offered to make wooden shingles at $2.00 per thousand, then to give one half the money back to the church. On a motion the offer was accepted and Brothers J.R. Gryder and W.W.Parlier were appointed as directors in repairing the house.

By July 1925 there was a need for a new church building. No records were found of a vote to build a new church, however on record was a motion to permit the clerk to "issue a check to the bank for the lumber for the church". On Sunday, Oct. 15, 1928 the church held their dedication service. On Aug. 15, 1936 it was voted and approved to leave the Three Forks Assoc., in Watauga and join the Avery County Association.

God has blessed Fall Creek Church through the years with Godly men. Although it wasn't until the 1940's that he called one from among us to preach the gospel. Earl Carver, Sr. Answered his call and was licensed to preach in June 1943. On January 14, 1945 Bro. Carver was ordained. A presbytery from Beech Mountain, Flat Springs, Elk Valley, Elk River, and Minneapolis churches were invited to assist.

In April 1948 a milestone was reached when Novel Cook, Bill Dugger, and Tillit B. Gryder were appointed to oversee the wiring of the church for electricity.

By 1949 we realized the need for a new church building or repair the old one. A building committee of three men was appointed. They were Novel Cook, Hobert Church, and D. Conard Cook. Due to the change of the road grade the work was postponed until Feb. 1950. At that time, George Crawford and Arlie Parlier were added to the building committee. A meeting was held and the majority decided to build a new building. This seemed like a big undertaking with only $350.00 in the treasury. Our pastor, Dayton Jones, appointed a finance committee, consisting of Sisters Mildred Crawford, Nell Cook, Mazie Hagie, Hess Parlier and Brothers Fred McGuire, Troy Trivette, Spencer Jones, Ray Gray and Kenneth Jones. Lonso Sluder of Newland, NC, was given the contract for $,508.24. The building was completed and debt free by August 1951, with the total cost of $9,801.84, including plaster work, benches, floor finishing and concrete walks. Upon completion of the new church the old building was auctioned off. It was purchased by Fred McGuire for $405.00. On Sept. 30, 1951 the new church was dedicated to the Lord.

In November 1972 we started a building fund. The church voted to take the money they had in savings, plus all money in excess of $500.00 that was in the checking account each month and deposit it in a time

saving account.

On May 9, 1976, Fall Creek Baptist Church voted to go "Full Time". Harry Lee Turbyfill was pastor at that time.

In 1976 we realized the need for a new church building. On August 8, 1976 the church agreed to rebuild form the wooded floor up, adding bathrooms, baptistry and brick siding, providing $18,000.00 could be raised by May 1, 1977. This included $10,000.00 we had in savings. A building committee was elected, consisting of Charles McGuire, Earnest Parlier, and Cecil Crawford. Meetings were held and plans were made. Mack Parlier accepted the contract to build the church. On June 11, 1978 our pastor, Brown Howell called the church into conference for a special meeting. The church agreed to borrow $25,000.00 at 8% interest. During construction we held our church services a the Fall Creek Fire Department until the new building could be used.

In December 1978 we held our first services in the new church and on June 10, 1979 the church was dedicated to God to be used for His Glory.

With our elders in mind, we purchased a sound system with individual headphones in September 1980. This enables them to hear and enjoy the services better.

The church organized a Women's Missionary Union in October 1981, with Laura Parlier as our first director. The WMU has made our church more aware of mission work and the importance of the Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings. The WMU was responsible for the tape ministry, which blesses lots of people, especially our shut-ins.

The church library was established in November 1981. It contains approximately one hundred books.

In less than five years our $25,000. Debt was paid off. On November 21, 1982 we had a special Thanksgiving dinner and a note butning service to celebrate and give thanks to God for His blessings.

The past few years have been great mission years for Fall Creek. We have been much involved in community, home and foreign missions. In 1902 our collection for missions was $3.00, last year (2002) it was over $6,000. Fall Creek being 118 years old has had 20 pastors. Please pray that we will always be a light shining for God's glory on top of this mountain.

Baptist Retirement Homes

PROUDLY SERVING OLDER ADULTS SINCE 1951
Making Life for Older Adults... the "Best of Times"

Baptist Retirement Homes continues to move forward with strength in meeting the needs of North Carolina's fastest growing age group... its senior population. Of particular interest to North Carolina Baptists, are the growing numbers of Older Adults who deal with dementia-related conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease. In North Carolina, approximately 50 percent of those who reach age 85 struggle with some measure of dementia. The Kulynych Memory Enhanced Residence at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, the Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, and the Memory Enhanced Residence at the Gardens of Taylor Glen Retirement Community provide environments designed to "enhance" and "retain" the short and long-term memory of those struggling with such disorders. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House also provide exceptional programs for Older Adults with dementia.

Because of the generous financial support received from North Carolina Baptists for the convention's "poor elderly" population, Baptist Retirement Homes has been able to provide more than $1.7 million in benevolent care in 2002. Thank You, North Carolina Baptists!

Respectfully submitted,
J. Luther Osment
Assistant to the President, Winston-Salem, NC

Baptist Children's Homes

Baptists make a difference... This summer Baptist Children's Homes had a very special guest on the Mills Home campus in Thomasville. Many Baptists will remember Patricia Sutherland. She has shared her story at multiple state conventions, and her life has been shared in *Charity & Children* on a couple of occasions. Patricia is a beautiful

young woman and a rising senior at Toccoa Falls College in northern Georgia. Looking at Patricia today, you would not recognize her as the same little girl who came to Baptist Children's Homes 11 years ago.

As a young child she lived with abusive, alcoholic and drug-addicted parents who forced her to lie about their abuse. The little girl was threatened with a pistol held to her head and made to sleep on cold hardwood floors. Her abuse and neglect were compounded by a severe medical condition. Because her parents were unable to properly care for Patricia, she went months at a time without the daily medication she so desperately needed.

Then one day, Patricia found the security she had longed for at our Broyhill Home in Clyde. But even at Broyhill Home her life wasn't easy. Patricia has Turner's syndrome, a condition affecting her balance and coordination and stunting her growth. Because she was awkward and clumsy, other children made fun of her at school. But her physical problems only seemed to make her stronger.

While at Mills Home this summer, Patricia was asked to share her story with the girls on campus. She boldly assured them that God has a plan for their life. But then she challenged the girls by telling them it is their choice. They can put their past behind them and trust God and follow His lead, or they can wander through life lost.

Because of your help, children like Patricia are rescued from the jaws of hopelessness and despair, set on solid ground, supported by loving Christian men and women, and are given hope so they can realize their dreams – dreams that at one time in their lives, they could never imagine were possible.

Baptists Respond to Needs Donating Towels, Bedding and Food. If you ask North Carolina Baptists for help, expect them to provide in a big way. When the word went out to North Carolina's WMU that Baptist Children's Homes needed towels and washcloths, hundreds of women in churches across the state provided them. Towels and washcloths flooded in to all BCH locations. When Baptists learned that pillows and sheets were needed in BCH cottages, an avalanche of bedding poured in. And BCH's first statewide food roundup is bringing great enthusiasm and response.

14,640 Baptists Pray for North Carolina Children. More than one

hundred BCH children and staff presented the Chain of Prayer at the 172nd Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem. The chain consisted of 14,640 strips of brightly colored paper inscribed with the written prayers of North Carolina Baptist men, women, and children. Each prayer made up an individual link in the Chain of Prayer. The effort was a BCH initiative and was promoted in North Carolina Baptist churches. The Chain of Prayer united thousands of people and represented their belief in the power of God to meet the needs voiced in the prayers.

BCH Hosts National Child Care Executive Meeting. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell and Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina hosted the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Baptist Child Care Executives April 22-24 in Greensboro. Directors and other top management of Baptist child care agencies representing as many as 19 states attended the annual meeting. The conference serves as a time of fellowship and continuing education for participants. A highlight took place Wednesday evening with "pigpickin' in Mayberry" at Mills Home in Thomasville. Children and staff recreated the sights and sounds of the popular sixties television program *The Andy Griffith Show*.

Historic Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc. Mills Home in Thomasville, BCH's oldest facility and flagship campus, suffered major damage due to one of the worse ice storms to ever hit the Piedmont. The cost due to the loss, cleanup and repairs reached tens of thousands of dollars. No injury or harm came to the children and staff. Duke Power called the ice storm the worst in its 100-year history. Parts of the campus remained without electricity for as long as five days. Baptists from across the state sent funds and relief groups to aid in the clean-up efforts reducing the storm's economic effects.

North Carolina Baptist Church Donates Property and $100,000 to Help Build a New Group Home for Developmentally Disabled Adults. Asheville's Calvary Baptist Church dedicated property they donated to Baptist Children's Homes and presented $100,000 to help construct the Alverta Bolick Home for developmentally disabled adults on June 8, 2003. The financial gift was made possible through the generosity of the late Alverta Bolick. The group home will be built adjacent to the church and provide a home for

six residents.

Baptist Children's Homes Faces Serious Financial Challenges. This year, Baptist Children's Homes took necessary actions to offset further economic hardships. With an overwhelming decline in income and a projected budget deficit of $4 million for fiscal 2003-2004, BCH cut the 2003-2004 budget (effective October 1, 2003). The cuts resulted in the closing of one or more cottages in four of BCH's Family Service Areas, the closing of Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the elimination of the agency's Intensive Family Preservation Services, and a reduction of 68 and one half budgeted positions. (Due to positions currently vacant and the reassignment of some staff, the actual net loss of people was 31.)
BCH...Focused on the Future. Despite the trying times, Baptist Children's Homes continues to be committed to providing only the highest quality of service. Children who come through BCH's doorscontinue to receive an abundance of love, care and healing. A dedicated staff serves and gives of themselves sacrificially. The lives of children and families are worth every effort. Although facing critical financial times, BCH holds true to its mission of *"helping hurting children... healing broken families."*

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Missions giving, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables BCH to provide care for more than 2000 children through our locations across the state. *Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support. We could not do what we do without you.*

Christian Higher Education

Christian higher education represents one of the enduring values of the Baptist State Convention. Since it's founding in 1830, North Carolina Baptists have supported Christian higher education through gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget, Baptist State Convention.

Our state and Convention depends upon the graduates of our institutions to lead us. The classrooms across our state are filled with teachers who have received their training from one of our campuses. North Carolina businesses are staffed with people who have been challenged during their formal education on our Baptist campuses to consider the ethical and moral consequences of their decisions. Our

churches are filled with God called men and women who have undergone academic preparation to lead our churches, associations and Convention. Where would we be without those graduates?

This success story has been made possible as a result of the faithfulness of North Carolina Baptists who support the Baptist State Convention through their gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget.

Our five Baptist campuses take pride in their association with our Convention. Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate are institutions of Christian distinction. Each considers their Baptist witness to be a hallmark of their institutional mission.

Campbell, Chowan, GardnerWebb, Mars Hill and Wingate welcome the challenge to prepare the next generation of leaders to serve our state and our Lord. A large majority of the students on each campus identify themselves as Baptist. Among those who are Baptist, some are receiving special financial support as a result of your faithfulness to our Convention's mission.

Last year six hundred eighty-seven (687) North Carolina Baptists received special scholarship aid made possible by your gifts to the Convention. This group represents five hundred four (504) different churches and seventy-three (73) different associations.

Churches that give through Optional Giving Plans B & C are helping another special group of North Carolina Baptists. Both giving plans make it possible for the Council to release theological grants to North Carolina Baptists who have heard God's Call and who are engaged in the pursuit of their first professional theological degree. Last year, 320 recipients received this special assistance. As one student told the Council office, "That grant was a major life-saver for me." His comments reflect other students' sentiments, as well.

What does the future hold?

No one knows for sure; but we know that our North Carolina Baptist colleges/universities will continue to receive your students and provide opportunities for them to grow intellectually and spiritually. We can be assured that when they graduate from our campuses, they will carry on with the tradition of those who preceded them through their service to our state and Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Dixon Free, President
Wayne D. Wike, Executive Director

The Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2002, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 28 endowment funds and 17 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.5 million and received $3.3 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $1.5 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $6.3 million in contributions during 2002 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31,2002, the Foundation held $96.4 million under management.

During 2002, our distributions totaled $5.8 million, with charity receiving $3.5 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.3 million. During the 83-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $23.1 million has been distributed to individuals and $40.3 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $63.4 million.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors

Biblical Recorder

The *Biblical Recorder* is celebrating its 170th anniversary in 2003 by remaining true to its original mission of publishing relevant news and fostering healthy dialogue among members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The world is far different than it was when Thomas Meredith founded the *Biblical Recorder*, but the importance of communication and conversation among Baptists remains unchanged, and the current landscape has many similarities with the one Meredith faced in 1833. Baptists were struggling for growth and shaping their identity in 1833. In time, Baptists came to dominate the denominational landscape of North Carolina, but a variety of societal, demographic and other changes have diminished the overall Baptist presence once again.

And, as early Baptists were often divided over theology, with some clinging to predestination while others championed free will, today's North Carolina Baptists face a changing landscape that features a variety of ways to express our Baptist identity. It has never been more important for North Carolina Baptists to be informed of the many issues affecting Baptist life, mission work and mutual cooperation.

The *Biblical Recorder* exists to provide this needed service to Baptists in North Carolina and beyond. The *Recorder* staff works diligently to provide regular, dependable and balanced news coverage and analysis of the most significant matters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention. It serves as the official news publication of the Convention, and seeks to serve the full spectrum of its churches.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association for editorial writing in 2000, for design in 2001, and for news writing in 2000,2001, and 2002 -- including the association's grand prize for news writing in 2001.

In addition to its printed form, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the World Wide Web at

www.biblicalrecorder.org. The Web site provides much of each paper's content online, as well as to access classified ads, online Bible study resources and a portal to other news services. Thousands of interested readers around the world consult the online version regularly.

The Web presence became even more important in late 2003, as the *Recorder* shifted from a publication schedule of 40 issues per year to 27 regular issues plus periodic special issues. The move, made as a matter of stewardship, coincided with the addition of new features and improvements to the Website, including more frequent news updates.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program gifts, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at subscription rates below the actual cost. Subscription packets and free sample issues are available.

Annuity Board

The last three years have indeed been challenging for participants in the Annuity Board retirement plans. During a time that climaxed the worst three-year stock market cycle since 1941 many of our retirement participants have been challenged to look more carefully and monitor more closely their asset allocation with a determined focus on their long-term retirement goals. AB Funds Trust through the Annuity Board has continued to perform at or above respective bench marks in the equity and bond investment industries despite volatile market conditions.

In an effort to meet constituency needs the Capital Preservation Fund was offered as a 14th investment choice on April 1, 2003. The fund seeks to maximize current income while seeking to maintain a stable value per share. The crediting rate is reset quarterly, is net of all fees and will be announced at least two weeks prior to the quarter's end. The fund is suitable for investors who want to preserve capital and are seeking higher current income than a money market fund over most time periods.

The continuing national health crises characterized by increases in drug costs, provider expenses, consumer demand, and government regulation tops the list in fueling rising health care costs. General inflation and industry litigation fees have also added to the costs. The Annuity Board continues to seek ways to provide affordable health care products. New health initiatives/plans are under consideration and will be available on

January 1, 2004.

As a result of these escalating costs for medical insurance, too many of our churches have decided they can not provide this coverage as a benefit for their ministers/church employees. Unfortunately, those who labor under the burden of a "pay package" have seen an enormous erosion of their disposable income. We continue to encourage churches to provide adequate benefits (insurance coverage, retirement, and social security offset) separate from salaries for their ministers and staff and to structure/administer compensation that takes full advantage of the tax laws. The 2002 SBC Compensation Study has proved to be a very valuable resource in assisting church leaders as they strive to provide fair and equitable compensation for those whom God has called to provide spiritual leadership to our Baptist churches across the state of North Carolina from Manteo to Murphy.

The relief ministry through the Annuity Board continues to provide assistance to those needy, retired ministers and to their widowed spouses. Presently, 386 North Carolinians are being helped by the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief Ministries.

As of June 30, 2003, 61 % (2,326) of our NC churches were actively participating in the retirement plan, and a record number of 2,879 were receiving benefits. Of course, our goal is to have all of our churches actively participating in the retirement plan provided by the Annuity Board of the SBC.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 171 or 174, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org, call the Annuity Board at 1.800.262.0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny E. Ross, Senior Consultant

Baptist Hospital

BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS: EXTENDING THE HEALING TOUCH OF CHRIST

North Carolina Baptist Hospital admitted its first patient on May 30, 1923, culminating a vision of the Baptist State Convention to extend the

healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Eighty years later, in 2003, we remain firmly committed to the original mission of providing the highest quality medical care marked by excellence, integrity, innovation, and compassion consistent with the teachings of Christ. This report highlights our partnership in missions with North Carolina Baptists.

BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

The Convention established the annual Mother's Day Offering in 1924 to help patients in financial need pay their hospital bills, to lift heavy burdens in the name of Jesus Christ and his love. Since that time every dollar of every gift has been used for that purpose --- caring for children like Haleigh in her battle with cancer, and adults like Wade and Vickie. You have made a tremendous difference in their lives and many others just like them. Please read their inspiring stories of thankfulness in the new Mother's Day Offering web site (www.ncbhmothersday.org). *Thank you,* N. C. Baptists, for giving $600,372 to this ministry in 2002!

SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

The fruits of Cooperative Giving by North Carolina Baptists are evidenced in life-changing ministries of the School of Pastoral Care. Our mission is *"to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ." Thank you,* North Carolina Baptists, for extending the healing reach of Christ to thousands of hurting people through our ministries.

Baptist Hospital CareNet Counseling Centers, our Department of Pastoral Counseling, annually provides over 24,500 hours of counseling at 22 locations across our state. This ministry brings emotional and spiritual healing, consistent with the compassion of Christ, to those who have been broken. Our counselors are licensed professionals with deeply held personal faith. They extend the ministry of churches, receiving many referrals from Baptist pastors on behalf of church members who are hurting. Approximately 40% of our counseling hours are provided to Baptists.

The Center for Congregational Health has continued to develop vital ministries. Nearly 600 church leaders received training in the past year through the Center's programs of *leadership development.* "The Pastor as Spiritual Guide" and "Young Leaders" programs have proven to be highly beneficial for N.C. Baptist ministers, deepening their faith as spiritual leaders for their churches. Approximately 25 churches per

month have benefitted from the Center's ***consulting ministry***. Initial, expert consultations are provided free to N.C. Baptist churches thanks to Cooperative Giving. ***Intentional Interim ministers*** trained by the Center continue to serve churches in our state, across the nation, and Australia. Mentoring programs for young ministers are also being provided.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provides ministry to patients, families,
and staff through more than 61,000 pastoral contacts each year, extending great compassion and hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Specialized training in hospital ministry was provided to 63 students in the past year, making our Clinical Pastoral Education program one of the largest in the nation.

The Department of Church and Community Relations receives no Cooperative Program funds, but serves as a vital liaison to N.C. Baptist churches. The department ministers to over 150 Baptists per year by facilitating physician appointments or helping others with concerns about medical bills. Many of those who are helped have no health insurance and are burdened by financial need.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Ministry to Ministers and Their Families –

• Baptist Hospital provides a ***subsidy of up to* 25%** for the hospital bills of N.C. Baptist ministers and their families. This amounted to $79,248 in FY 2003. The subsidy comes from the hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund, with assistance from the Mother's Day Offering as needed.

• The ***Ministers Care Plan*** provides a subsidy to full-time, ordained ministers serving North Carolina Baptist churches, and their immediate family members, who need the support of counseling to recover from emotional pain and stress. Clients pay $20 per session at a CareNet Counseling Center. The Baptist State Convention and CareNet pay for the remainder of the cost. Please call Rev. Paul Mullen, Director of Church and Community Relations, for more information (336-716-3027).

Ranked Among the Nation's Best Hospitals

• North Carolina Baptist Hospital is ranked in the top 50 among ***"America's Best Hospitals"*** according to the July 2003 issue of *us*.

News and World Report.

- Our hospital continues to be ranked in the ***top 1 percent in patient satisfaction*** among our peers in the United States, according to Press Ganey, the health care industry's top patient satisfaction measurement firm.
- We continue to be recognized as a ***Magnet Hospital for Excellence in Nursing***, demonstrating outstanding nursing leadership and high quality patient care. Baptist Hospital was one of the first hospitals in the nation to earn this recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nation's leading nursing credentialing organization.
- Our Medical Center's cancer treatment programs are ranked 21st in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report.* **A new facility for our Comprehensive Cancer Center** is under construction and due to open in June 2004. Patients will receive coordinated care, such as required tests, scans, and treatment, in a single visit.

Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255 or 316-716-2255.

CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The initial vision of North Carolina Baptists to extend the healing touch of Christ has unfolded in remarkable ways at Baptist Hospital over the past 80 years. As Christ ministered to those who were broken in body, mind, or spirit and made them whole, we continually strive to follow his example. We consider it a sacred responsibility and profound privilege to serve him in this mission of healing. We are thankful to you, North Carolina Baptists, for being our partners in ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr.
President

North American Mission Board

Our Mission: The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions.

Our Vision: We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the opportunity to hear the gospel, respond with faith in Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers.

Reaching People: The breadth and depth of the North American mission field is unprecedented. There are 312 million people living in the United States and Canada. It Is estimated that 200 million of them do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Yet, the depth of North America's lostness is evident when 91 percent of respondents in a recent survey considered themselves Christian, even though less than one-third said they had been born-again.

Our culture is hungry for truth but is developing its own understanding of a relationship with God. These unprecedented days of opportunity demand the church deliver the gospel truth in every conceivable way.

In coordination with state Baptist conventions, associations, and other Great Commission partners, NAMB has developed strategies and resources to help Christians and their churches share the gospel as never before. Some of NAMB's breakthroughs this past year include:

⇨An estimated 2,500 schools have student-led Christian clubs who are using the FiSH! strategy. More than 8,500 commitments to Christ are made each year as a result of student-led Christian clubs using FiSH!

⇨There were 176 new chaplains who received SBC endorsement through the North American Mission Board. The total chaplain count is 2,416, and more than 13,800 people came to Christ through their faithful sharing of the gospel in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare.

⇨ The Evangelism Response Center is making it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches.

There were 29,666 calls received and 460 people made salvation decisions during the calls, while 13,877 referrals were made to SBC churches.

⇨Crossover St. Louis, held prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, and coordinated by the North American Mission Board, resulted In 2,812 professions of faith.

⇨With 36 out of 97 pregnancy care centers reporting in 2002, there were 11,470 evangelistic encounters; 614 professions of faith; 19,465 visits of all types; 22,842 people served; 2,866 babies saved from abortion; 79 adoptions; and 30 new Bible studies started. There are a total of 97 NAMB trained affiliate centers in the United States. At least 1,369 Southern Baptist churches involved in the Alternatives for Life ministry.

⇨As a result of church and community ministries, there were 29,594 professions of faith. Because of literacy mission efforts, more than 14 new churches were started and there were more than 820 professions of faith. Through refugee ministry, more than 284 refugees were resettled. Through hunger ministry, 3.7 million people were fed and more than 17,000 professions of faith recorded.

⇨ Interfaith witness resources continue to help people share their faith with other faith groups. The Cross or Crescent video was released in 2001 and in a video about Jehovah's Witnesses is currently in production. There were 395 training workshops held throughout the United States on various subjects including Islam and the cults, and 32,991 were trained to share their faith with other groups.

Starting Healthy Churches: In 1900, there were 27 Southern Baptist churches for every 10,000 Americans. Today, there are only 11 churches for every 10,000 people. In some states, the ratio is as high as one SBC church for every 150,000 people. Canada has one SBC church for every 227,000 people. NAMB's goal is to double the number of Southern Baptist churches by the year 2020-a task that will involve helping local churches start 60,000 new churches.

NAMB leaders believe healthy churches will, with the power of the Holy Spirit, reproduce. Each church field is different, but each church must respond to the opportunities before it. The North American Mission Board is committed to providing the leadership, training and resources to help every healthy church start a church.

One of the tremendous needs of churches in the United States is

reaching the many ethnic groups. Based on 2002 Annual Church Profile data, there are 6,900 ethnic and African-American congregations in the Southern Baptist Convention. These congregations have more than 900,000 members. For the past 5 years, ethnic and African-American churches have comprised more than half of all Southern Baptist church plants in the United States and Canada. Southern Baptists worship in 216 languages every week in ethnic congregations.

Mobilizing Christians: "North America is awash with people who are lost at sea, grasping for spiritual life," says Bob Reccord, president of the North American Mission Board. "They've grabbed at pleasure. They've grabbed at possessions. They've grabbed at prestige. They've grabbed at empty spirituality. As Christians we have a Savior, and we must extend the lifeline to nonChristians."

Southern Baptists cannot hope to reach all those in North America who need Christ unless a growing army of Christians become involved in sharing Christ. The spiritual needs of the United States and Canada demand both long-term mission personnel and a massive mobilization of volunteers. And yet, record numbers of missionaries and volunteers cannot do what every Christian is called to do.

NAMB is committed to providing the resources and opportunities that will mobilize Christians and churches to be on mission as volunteers, where they live, work, and play. The accomplishments seen in 2002 have only begun to tap Southern Baptists' resources for reaching those around us.

⇨ NAMB's missionary count reached 5,304. Of this number, 3,280 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1,924 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries with two or more years of service.

⇨ The Missionary Mobilization Team continues to work to increase the number of appointed missionaries and long-term volunteers, including students; to nurture Christians expressing interest in missionary service; and to strengthen partnerships with state conventions, associations, churches, and mission personnel.

⇨ Southern Baptists continue to volunteer for mission service in record numbers: An estimated 416,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects.

⇨ More than 15,000 disaster relief volunteers from 35 state conventions responded to 65 disasters, prepared 1.25 million meals, and repaired 1,000 homes.

Reaching the Cities: One of the most significant changes of the twentieth century was the urbanization of America. Between 1940 and 1990, metropolitan areas in the United States grew as much as 500 percent. Today, 150 million people live in our 50 largest cities. The top 20 cities in the United States are projected to grow 30 to 70 percent over the next 20 years.

But ministry and witness efforts have not kept pace with this phenomenal growth. While Southern Baptists have seen tremendous increases, little of that growth has been in the major cities of the United States and Canada.

Strategic Focus Cities is a strategy for allocating spiritual, human, and financial resources to our major urban areas. NAMB is developing local strategies with state conventions and association partners in the highest priority cities. In 2002, those plans included efforts in Philadelphia and Seattle.

Responsible In Stewardship: Through the faithful giving of Southern Baptists and NAMB's leadership commitment to maximize financial and human resources, the agency has put more money toward the mission field than ever before.

In 2002, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) were commendable. Receipts for the AAEO were a record-breaking $49,245,244.

International Mission Board

The International Mission Board (formerly Foreign Mission Board) is an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest evangelical denomination, claiming more than 40,000 churches with nearly 16 million members. The board's objective is presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ in order to lead individuals to saving faith in Him and result in church-planting movements among all the peoples of the world.

God has called His people to proclaim His name among all peoples. This is our task. But 2,161 "nations," or people groups, live in The Last

Frontier – the part of the world with little or no access to the gospel. That's 1.7 billion people who have virtually no chance of hearing the good news of Jesus Christ.

But God is using Southern Baptists to carry the light of Jesus to people groups in spiritual darkness across the globe. Your gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions helps to dispel the darkness – and to finish our God-given task of missions. Last year alone, IMB workers and their Baptist partners overseas reported a record 395,773 baptisms and 5,775 new churches worldwide. The number of volunteers has soared, topping 30,000 in 2000.

Southern Baptists are no strangers to sacrifice. For years record numbers of these families and single adults across the country have given up the comforts of home to take the gospel throughout the world. To keep the growing number of missionaries on the field, the bar on financial need has continued to rise.

Southern Baptists have been faithful to give in record amounts, but giving has not kept pace with the expanding ministry opportunities. Last year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering fell $10 million short of its $125 million goal. Southern Baptists have met the LCMO goal only once since 1981.

To make up for the lack of funding this year, the IMB has slowed down missionary sending and recently eliminated more than 10 percent of its home office staff positions, while reducing some of its products and services. This year, the IMB will look to Southern Baptists more than ever to give to the Cooperative Program and reach its LMCO goal.

Cooperative Program

Since its inception in 1845, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has always had one mission — the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20). To fulfill its assigned part of this divine mandate, each SBC entity made special offering appeals to the churches. This method was referred to as the "societal" approach to missions and resulted in severe financial deficits, competition among entities, overlapping pledge campaigns, and frequent emergency appeals which greatly hampered the expanding ministry opportunities God was giving Southern Baptists. Some entities took out loans to cover operating costs until pledges or special offerings were received.

In 1919, the leaders of the SBC proposed the 75 Million Campaign, a five year pledge campaign that, for the first time, included everything-the

missions and ministries of all the state conventions as well as that of the Southern Baptist Convention. Though falling short of its goals, a God-given partnership of missions support was conceived --- The Cooperative Program. Since its launch in 1925, the effectiveness of CP has been dependent upon individuals, churches, state conventions, and SBC entities cooperating, working toward a common goal of sharing the gospel with every person on the planet.

Simply put, it begins with you. You give yourself first to God (2 Cor. 5:8). Next, out of gratitude and obedience to God for what He has done for you, you commit to give back to Him, through your church, a portion of what He provides.

Your church decides the next step. Every year your church prayerfully decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in your state and around the world through Cooperative Program (CP) Missions. This amount is then forwarded to your state Baptist convention.

During the annual meeting of your state convention, messengers-delegates elected from your church and other churches across your state, decide what percentage of CP Missions gifts contributed by local congregations stays in your state to support local missions and ministries. The percentage to be forwarded to the SBC for North American and international missions and ministries is also determined at this time.

At the SBC Annual Meeting, messengers from across the country decide how the gifts received from the states will be distributed among SBC entities. These gifts are used by Southern Baptist entities to send and support missionaries, train pastors, missionaries and other ministry leaders, provide relief for retired ministers and widows, and address social, moral, and ethical concerns relating to our faith and families.

The bottom line - people around the world hear the gospel and receive Christ.

Your local Southern Baptist association does not receive CP gifts directly. It ministers through gifts received directly from churches and often receives CP gifts indirectly in the form of support from state conventions and the North American Mission Board.

Churches in your state work together through your state convention to support a wide array of ministries and missions including: evangelism efforts, children's homes, volunteer missions, missions education, new churches, colleges and universities, collegiate ministries, camps, and

much more. Through the International Mission Board (www.imb.org), Southern Baptists support over 5,100 missionaries who are engaging more than 1,200 different people groups around the world. They are also leading a church planting movement that saw 5,700 new churches started in one year.

The North American Mission Board (www.namb.net) also supports over 5,100 missionaries and helps start in excess of 1,700 new churches each year, reaching people in fast growing cities and suburbs to small towns and rural communities.

Working together, Southern Baptists saw 846,930 new believers baptized in 2002.

Six Southern Baptist seminaries (Southern, Southeastern, Midwestern, Southwestern, Golden Gate, and New Orleans) educate in excess of 14,500 pastors, missionaries, and future church leaders each year. The Ethics & Religious liberty Commission is dedicated to addressing social, moral, and ethical concerns, with particular attention to their impact on American families and their faith. They also provide print resources that offer scriptural responses to the moral and ethical problems of our culture.

Your prayers and support also undergird the work of the Annuity Board, the Southern Baptist Foundation, and the Baptist World Alliance.

Although they receive no CP Missions support, LifeWay Christian Resources and the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) actively promote CP Missions in publications and missions resources.

If "two are better than one" (Eccl. 4:9), how much better are 16 million? This is the current membership in more than 42,000 Southern Baptist churches across the United States. With a global population exceeding six billion and a command to take the gospel to every nation, we must enhance our cooperative efforts if we are going to fulfill Christ's command.

This year at the Southern Baptist Convention the 2003-2004 Cooperative Program allocation budget of $182.3 million was approved. Budget allocations include International Mission Board, 50 percent; North American Mission Board, 22.79 percent; SBC seminaries and historical library and archives, 21.64 percent; SBC operating budget and Annuity Board, 4.08 percent; and Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, 1.49 percent. The first $250,000 of any budget overage

will be allocated "to fund the enhancement of Cooperative Program education at the six seminaries."

To help CP Missions reach its potential, would you please:

Pray. Pray regularly for your Southern Baptist missionaries in your state and around the globe. "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers." Matthew 9:38 (HCSB)

Go. Be involved in some sort of missions endeavor. Talk with your pastor about the available opportunities. You are God's missionary right where you live. "Go...and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19 (HCSB)

Give. Out of love for the Lord, give regularly to Him through your church. If you are not tithing, begin to do so and also discover the blessings of giving beyond the tithe. Encourage your church to increase its participation in Cooperative Program (CP) Missions.

Blue Ridge Prison Ministry

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your prayers and monetary support of the prison ministry and for allowing me to do the best job on earth. . . taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those that are bound in prison. When these men get saved they may physically be bound, but they are not spiritually bound anymore. They finally have something to live for. Jesus said in John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Many of these men remark about this after they are born again and about how finally being saved helps them to deal with their prison sentence in a more positive way. They also give thanks for being in prison, because they have learned that the Lord allowed these things to happen to them so that they might hear the Gospel and be saved.

This past year and a half has been wonderful in the Lord. Changing prisons was not as hard as I thought it would be. The Lord really showed me that He wanted me at Mountain View Correctional Institute. He really touched my heart and verified to me that is where He wanted me the first day that I went there to work last August. Also, the Christian church that was there, made up of inmates, told me that they had prayed me there, that they really wanted a man of God to help them. We had the first baptizing that Mountain View ever had last December and baptized 22

inmates. We recently had a baptizing and baptized 20 inmates. Last year there were 85 young men from Blue Ridge Correctional that were saved before I went to Mountain View in August and 90 inmates were saved at Mountain View between August and December 31, coming to a total of 175 men saved in 2002. This year, from January 1 through today, there have been 74 men saved and we still have half the year to go! To God be the glory!

Again, thank you for your support for you are who God uses to make the ministry financially possible. If you didn't financially support it there would be no ministry. I would have to go back to a secular job to support my family. Those of you who are supporting, please pray and see if you can increase your support. Those of you who are not supporting, please pray and see if God will allow you to support. The cost of living has gone up, but my pay check hasn't. God doesn't have a magic helicopter that He sends over my house and drops down what I need. He has you. You are His hands and arms and heart. Please give as He leads you concerning the prison ministry. Please make out the checks to Blue Ridge Prison Ministry and mail them to the attention of Steven Williams, Treasurer, c/o Mitchell Baptist Association, 278 Chapel Street, Spruce Pine, NC 28777.

Respectfully submitted,
Russel W. Hoilman
Chaplain

Director of Missions Report

Webster's dictionary defines an association as "an organization of persons having common interests". This describes the ministry of Avery Baptist Association perfectly. We are twenty-three churches on mission for Christ in our Jerusalem.

The ministries of our association are many and varied. In fact, there are too many to list in this report, so I will just briefly mention a few of the accomplishments of the past year. We have attempted to minister in all areas and to all people. I feel that we were successful in most of our efforts.

This past year your association has ministered to literally hundreds of individuals and many churches. We helped many Pastor Search Committee's with resume's and names of possible supply speakers, as well as supplying in many of these churches myself. We collected approximately 500 "Jesus" videos that were distributed by a youth mission group in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and also collected food for the Baptist Children's Homes during their food drive. We enjoyed a very successful and well attended Associational Senior Adult Rally this year. The event was held at Aaron Baptist Church with the meal being provided by the associational WMU.

Our "Summer Ministries" program under the able leadership of our Summer Student Missionary, Amy Lustig, was very successful. We had a booth at the Avery Arts Council Crafts Fair at which we gave out Bible story balloons, tracts, cold water and Bible stickers all free of charge. Two ladies from Aaron church joined us to provide salvation bracelets. We also had a very successful "Mission VBS" in the town of Elk Park this summer. A group from Rives Chapel Baptist Church in Siler City came to help with this project.

Probably the most significant event in the association this year has been the start of a new mission church. The church is doing very well and growing faster than we expected. We will be sharing more about this in the near future.

I am sorry to report that not everything has gone as I would have liked during the past year. Many of our ministry plans such as the mission trip to Illinois and the Operation In As Much" ministry had to be cancelled because of a lack of interest. The youth rally attendance was sad with only two churches bringing their youth.

Plans are already being made for the coming year. We will be having a much needed Sunday School Rally on Tuesday, October 28. Rev. Fred Lunsford will be back with us for this event. We also have a Mid-Winter Youth Rally planned for January 31. Cody Deece, a fiery young preacher from Woodstock, GA, will be the speaker. Please put both of these events on your calendar.

We must praise the Lord for the wonderful year that we have enjoyed. May we continue to follow His leadership and put Him first in our efforts. If we do, our association can only do good things. God bless you all!

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Whetstine

W M U Report

As I settle into the position of WMU Director, I stand amazed at the work our Heavenly Father does when we put forth even the smallest effort.

In October of 2002, Crossnore Baptist Church hosted a Fall Training time on our new theme for the next two years, "God's Plan,My Part" There were 45 people present and 10 churches represented. This was a time when churches with or without an active WMU could come and see what WMU is. Libby Watson did a beautiful job of presenting a portion of the book "God's Plan, My Part". Several ladies made the decision to become involved in leadership in the ABA WMU.

In February 2003, WMU hosted a Prayer Retreat locally in one of my family members house so ladies could come spend the night or go home and return the next morning. What a wonderful time we had in the Lord that weekend! We studied the book "Calm My Anxious Heart", by Linda Dillow, and my heart is still being blessed by the things God revealed to me from that book. We had different prayer focuses throughout the weekend with prayer groups praying in unison for our country, the family and our International missionaries who are in areas that have put them in harms way. The cost was just the price of the book, since there was no charge for the house, and each lady had a food assignment.

In May, Green Valley Baptist Church hosted our Annual Meeting, with 39 people present and 6 churches represented. Jan High of the state WMU office was our guest speaker and she blessed our hearts with her mind and heart for missions. In addition, she also challenged us to set our minds and hearts more toward a mission lifestyle.

Plans for the upcoming year are for a Fall Training for all churches in the county which will be held at Aaron Baptist Church. The date for this is October 30, 2003, at 7:00 PM. Please plan now to be in attendance We are planning another prayer retreat in January, and we are currently working on a local, country and foreign mission in which all churches can participate.

Please pray for our Avery County WMU and for your churches' involvement as well as personal involvement in missions. With the guidance of our Lord, we will continue to keep a missions lifestyle active in our county and to teach our children to do the same.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Sizemore, Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
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2003 - 2004

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VBS Director	Lori Benfield
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Jerry Gardner
Ach Taylor

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Simon Franklin

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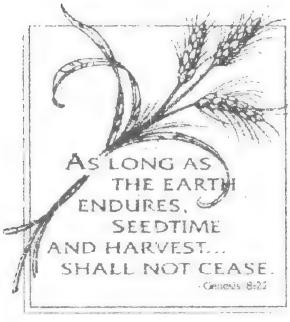
Patsy Carpenter
Ruth Brown



AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
Sept. 27, 2002 - Sept. 30, 2003

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	$45,810.65
Baptist State Convention	3,627.00
Misc. Contributions (Min.Books, BSC Contrib., WMU	673.96
Total Receipts	$50,111.61

DISBURSEMENTS:

100 Key Leadership Organizations	
101 Sunday School	.00
102 Baptist Men	.00
103 Evangelism	50.00
104 W M U	155.00
105 V B S	33.55
106 Youth Ministry	957.56
107 Speakers Honorarium	50.00
200 Director of Missions	
201 Salary	9,100.00
202 Social Security	1,370.00
203 Utilities and Housing	5,400.00
300 Operating Expenses	
301 D.O.M. Expense Reimb. (Travel, etc.)	1,400.00
302 Office Phone	640.20
303 Office Supplies	1,387.86
304 Office Equipment	158.37
305 Office Utilities	952.00
306 Newsletter Postage	600.00
307 Secretary	6,257.50
308 Equipment Maint. Agreement	560.00
309 New Printer Account	1,800.00
310 Cell Phone Expense	204.24

400 Mission Ministries		
401 Prison Chaplaincy (Blue Ridge Youth Center)		1,500.00
402 Resort Ministry		.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund		335.45
500 Miscellaneous Expenses		
501 Insurance (Building and Equipment)		633.00
502 Health Insurance		12,447.78
503 Building Maintenance		82.87
504 Miscellaneous Expense		80.07
505 Convention Expense		.00
506 Christmas Gift, DOM		400.00
507 Treasurer		250.00
508 Clerk		250.00
509 Quarterly Tax Reports		400.00
510 Christmas Gift, Sec'y		200.00
511 Pastors & Wives Christmas Dinner		348.10
Total Disbursements (Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept. 30, 2003)		48,003.74
Cash on Deposit, Sept. 27, 2002		1,491.05
Add: Total Receipts for Fiscal Year		50,111.61
Total	$	51,602.66
Less Total Disbursements		-48,003.74
Cash on Deposit - Sept. 30, 2003	$	3,598.92

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET - 2003 - 2004

100 KEY LEADERSHIP	PRESENT	PROPOSED
101 Sunday School.....	100.00	100.00
102 Baptist Men.....	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism.....	500.00	500.00
104 WMU.....	400.00	400.00
105 VBS.....	100.00	100.00
106 Youth Ministry.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
107 Speakers Honorarium.	300.00	300.00
	2,650.00	2,450.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary.....	9,100.00	9,400.00
202 Social Security.....	1,370.00	1,439.00
203 Utilities & Housing...	5,400.00	5,400.00
	15,870.00	16,239.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 DOM Expense Reimb..	1,400.00	1,500.00
302 Office Telephone.....	800.00	800.00
303 Office Supplies.....	1,300.00	1,500.00
304 Office Equipment.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
305 Office Utilities.....	1,100.00	1,200.00
306 Newsletter Postage.....	700.00	700.00
307 Secretary.....	6,100.00	6,300.00
308 Equip.Maint.Agreement.	550.00	560.00
309 New Printer Account..	1,800.00	1,800.00
310 Cell Phone Expense....	204.24	205.00
	15,154.24	15,765.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy.....	1,500.00	1,800.00
402 Resort Ministry.....	500.00	400.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund....	1,200.00	800.00
	3,200.00	3,000.00

500 MISC. EXPENSE		
501 Insurance (Equip & Bldg.)	700.00	700.00
502 Health Insurance.....	10,600.00	10,600.00
503 Bldg. Maintenance.....	800.00	800.00
504 Misc. Expense.....	200.00	200.00
505 Convention Exp.	500.00	500.00
506 Christmas Gift.....	400.00	400.00
507 Treasurer.....	250.00	300.00
508 Clerk.....	250.00	300.00
509 Quarterly Tax Rpts.	400.00	500.00
510 Christmas Gift, Sec'y.	200.00	200.00
511 P & W Christmas Din.	348.10(Spent)	400.00
	14,300.00	14,900.00
TOTALS:	51,174.24	52,354.00

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES

CHURCH	CONTRIBUTIONS (Oct. 1, 2002 - Sept.30, 2003)
Aaron	2,400.00
Beech Mountain	1,625.00
Big Meadows	450.00
Chestnut Dale	500.00
Cranberry	1,648.85
Crossnore First	20,906.88
Elk Park First	175.00
Fall Creek	1,320.00
Green Valley	300.00
Jonas Ridge	415.60
Long Ridge	200.00
Minneapolis	1,155.00
Newland First	2,700.00
Oak Grove	2,210.00
Pilgrim	.00
Pineola	975.00
Pleasant Hill	3,334.35
Pleasant Valley	575.23
Powdermill	1,200.00
Stameytown	509.75
Sugar Mountain	1,115.99
Valley Haven	1,194.00
Whites Memorial	300.00
Yellow Mountain	600.00
Convention	3,627.00
Other (Misc)	673.96
Totals	**50,111.6**

MEMORIALS
Oct. 2002 - Oct. 2003

AARON: Mrs. Pearl Marshall, Mrs. Ruby McCroskey

BEECH MOUNTAIN: Mrs. Faye Trivette, Mr. Joey Parlier, Mrs Shirley Parlier

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2003 - 2004

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Mrs. LeNita Platt, 747 Michelle Lane, Newland, NC
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1912	Aaron	W. H. Ollis
1913	Pleasant Hill	W. H. Ollis
1914	Big Meadows	D. A. Green
1915	Jonas Ridge	D. A. Green
1916	Yellow Mountain	D. A. Green
1917	Roaring Creek	S. M. Pittman
1918	Green Valley	R. T. Lewis
1919	Crossmore	R. T. Lewis
1920	Minneapolis	N. S. Hampton
1921	Beech Mountain	N. S. Hampton
1922	Pleasant Hill	N. S. Hampton
1923	Newland	N. S. Hampton
1924	Elk Valley	N. S. Hampton
1925	Chestnut Dale	N. S. Hampton
1926	Green Valley	N. S. Hampton
1927	Big Meadows	N. S. Hampton
1928	Jonas Ridge	K. L. Haga
1929	Yellow Mountain	K. L. Haga
1930	Roaring Creek	E. W. Buchanan
1931	Aaron	E. W. Buchanan
1932	Crossmore	E. W. Buchanan
1933	Powdermill	G. D. Danner
1934	Mt. Pleasant	G. D. Danner
1935	Beech Mountain	V. W. Green
1936	Pinecla	V. W. Green
1937	Flat Springs	V. W. Green
1938	Green Valley	V. W. Green
1939	Fall Creek	V. W. Green
1940	Newland	R. T. Teague
1941	Yellow Mountain	R. T. Teague
1942	Elk Valley	R. L. Painter
1943	Belview	D. N. Jones
1944	Elk Park	D. N. Jones
1945	Pleas'nt Hill & Minnea	V. W. Green
1946	Jonas Rdg., Oak Grove	D. N. Jones
1947	Cranberry	W. H. Ollis
1948	Powdermill	S. M. Pittman

1949	Crossnore & Mt. Plsant	C. C. Bryant
1950	Aaron & Newland	J. W. Costner
1951	Elk Valley & Val Haven	J. C. Brown
1952	Sugar Mtn.& Big Mdws	Mack Hodge
1953	Belview & Minneapolis	Mack Hodge
1954	Fairview &Whites Mem.	Mach Hodge
1955	Flat Spr & Beech Mtn	Mack Hodge
1956	Pleasant Hill & Newland	D. N. Jones
1957	Crossnore Chestnut Dale	Ira Hodges
1958	Fall Creek Roaring Creek	Howard Hodges
1959	Elk Park & Cranberry	Howard Hodges
1960	Oak Grove & Stoneytown	C. H. Dellinger
1961	Aaron & Jonas Ridge	C. H. Dellinger
1962	Minneapolis & Pleas.Hill	Marion Smith
1963	Beech Mtn. & Elk Valley	Marion Smith
1964	Powdermill & Belview	D. N. Jones
1965	Valley Haven Cranberry	Raymond Turbyfill
1966	Flat Springs & Fall Creek	Raymond Turbyfill
1967	Yellow Mtn. Whites Mem.	Raymond Turbyfill
1968	Pleasant Hill Big Meadows	Joe Puett
1969	Beech Mtn. & Mt Pleasant	Joe Puett
1970	Crossnore & Minneapolis	Max Holland
1971	Newland & Aaron	Robert Lindley
1972	Belview & Beech Mtn.	Robert Lindley
1973	Big Meadows Chestnut Dale	Lee Pittman
1974	Cranberry & Crossnore	Loyd Ramsey
1975	Elk Park & Elk Valley	Loyd Ramsey
1976	Fall Creek & Fairview	Roy Lee Barbee
1977	Jonas Ridge Green Valley	Kenneth Lance
1978	Newland & Oak Grove	Kenneth Lance
1979	Pilgrim & Pineola	Tommy Wagner
1980	Pleasant Hill & Plea.Val'y	Harry Turbyfill
1981	Powdermill & Stoneytown	Jack Bryant
1982	Sugar Mtn. Valley Haven	Richard Hollifield
1983	Whites Mem. Yellow Mtn	Richard Hollifield
1984	Aaron & Beech Mountain	Harold Dellinger
1985	Big Meado's Chestnut Dl	Bill Jones

1986	Crossmore & Elk Park	Elbert McCoury
1987	Fall Creek & Jonas Ridge	Elbert McCoury
1988	Cranberry & Green Valley	Clarence Law
1989	Newland & Oak Grove	Clarence Law
1990	Pineola & Pleasant Hill	Omar Trivett
1991	Pleas Valley & Powdermill	Omar Trivett
1992	Stameytown	Max Smith
1993	Sugar Mountain	Max Smith
1994	Valley Haven	Calvin Vance
1995	Whites Memorial	Bill Jones
1996	Aaron	Bill Jones
1997	Beech Mountain	David Banner
1998	Big Meadown	Joe Miller
1999	Chestnut Dale	Joe Miller
2000	Cranberry	Lander Heafner
2001	Crossmore	Lander Heafner
2002	Elk Park First	Dennis Aldridge
2003	Fall Creek	Dennis Aldridge

Statistical Tables

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Aaron	94	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	190	98	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	90	80	7	0	1	2	2	0	0	2	8	0
Chestnut Dale	62	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	519	476	9	0	1	6	1	1	0	0	12	0
Elk Park	86	55	5	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0
Fall Creek	152	88	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Green Valley	35	35	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	16	0	0
Jonas Ridge	200	112	7	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	6	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	322	315	8	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	18	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	75	0	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pleasant Hill	279	240	10	0	2	4	0	2	2	0	5	0
PleasantVal.	60	0	42	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Powdermill	93	0	0	3	6	9	12	9	35	19	0	0
Stameytown	52	21	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	48	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	54	32	0	0	2	2	2	0	12	14	0	0
Whites Mem	104	104	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Yellow Mtn.	145	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	2674	1882	103	3	19	40	20	19	71	53	53	0

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost Unchurched 14-Interc. Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Ass. Miss. On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Aaron	1849	2001	B	80	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Beech Mt.	1869	1996	A	44	0	0	N	N	N
Big Meadows	1845	2001	A	85	0	0	0	Y	0
Chestnut Dale	1903	0	A	82	0	2	N	Y	N
Cranberry	1907	1997	B	60	0	0	0	Y	0
Crossnore	1907	1983	C	340	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Elk Park	1917	1993	C	35	0	0	Y	N	Y
Fall Creek	1886	0	A	55	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Green Valley	1897	0	A	35	0	0	N	N	N
Jonas Ridge	1887	2003	A	75	0	0	Y	Y	

Long Ridge	1945	2001	0	0	0	0	N	N	N
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	N	N
New Life	2003	2003	C	18	1	1	Y	Y	Y
Oak Grove	1900	1999	C	150	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	1912	1992	A	50	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Pleasant Hill	1903	2000	A	0	0	0	N	Y	N
PleasantVal.	1893	2003	A	30	0	0	N	N	N
Powdermill	1914	1991	A	88	0	0	N	N	N
Stameytown	1947	2001	A	25	0	0	N	Y	N
Sugar Mtn.	1950		A	30	0	0	N	N	N
Valley Haven	1935	1995	C	30	0	0	N	N	N
Whites Mem	1949		A	40	0	0	Y	N	Y
Yellow Mtn.	1869	2000	A	43	0	0	N	N	Y
Assoc. Totals				1395	1	3			

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15b-(6-11) 15d-(18-24) 15f-(35-54) 15h-(65-up) 15j-Other Bible Study 17-SS Not Member
15a-(Birth-5) 15c-(12-17) 15e-(25-34) 15g-(55-64) 15i-Gen. Officers 16-Avg Wkly SS Att 18-VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Aaron	80	3	5	0	5	5	8	15	25	2	16	45	0	0
Beech Mt.	90	9	10	9	9	5	24	7	17	10	15	44	0	44
Big Meadows	85	4	5	7	11	20	23	10	5	5	0	75	0	65
Chestnut Dale	49	7	3	2	4	4	5	11	13	0	0	32	10	35
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	333	12	29	22	17	41	84	108	16	4	0	220	30	180
Elk Park	41	2	2	7	7	7	7	0	7	2	0	33	4	352
Fall Creek	71	6	3	3	2	8	16	18	18	8	38	52	2	29
Green Valley	26	1	1	3	0	0	13	3	5	0	0	20	10	35
Jonas Ridge	76	5	5	4	3	6	14	15	0	0	24	62	24	58

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	161	20	25	23	7	23	29	8	25	1	0	91	0	133
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	105
Pleasant Hill	158	17	16	10	10	18	29	33	22	3	0	94	30	108
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	93	3	15	12	7	16	12	9	19	0	0	65	11	70
Stameytown	30	0	3	5	0	0	4	3	13	2	0	24	0	26
Sugar Mtn.	56	2	10	2	0	7	3	24	8	0	0	31	0	38
Valley Haven	35	0	2	2	0	0	13	12	6	3	0	26	0	0
Whites Mem	40	4	4	3	2	3	2	6	5	11	25	26	6	45
Yellow Mtn.	43	0	3	2	8	3	10	8	9	4	0	35	0	0
Assoc. Totals	1502	95	141	116	91	168	296	290	213	55	118	1015	127	1323

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12
Oak Grove	127	24	15	22	66	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	56	5	7	7	35	2	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	10	0	1	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	28	2	6	2	15	5	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	19	4	12	0	0	3	4	0	0	2	2
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	240	35	41	34	120	13	16	0	0	2	14

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up)
21a-(3-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Aaron	24	0	0	0	24	0
Beech Mt.	33	2	4	8	9	10
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	135	0	21	35	57	22
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	36	1	4	1	30	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	28	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	10	0	0	0	10	3
Oak Grove	84	7	12	21	30	14
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	15	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	66	8	6	8	41	3
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	14	0	0	2	12	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	20	6	4	2	8	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	465	24	51	77	221	52

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b_(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 24d-Miss. Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up) 25-Other

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Aaron	26	0	0	0	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	102	5	14	6	70	7	0	50	8	12	30	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	9	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	31	1	3	0	23	4	0	8	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	34	11	6	7	12	4	0	10	6	4	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	6	0	0	6	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	217	17	23	13	146	19	0	74	23	16	36	0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Aaron	81,144	8,821	0	4,800	2,400	0	640	2,186	1,860	9,045
Beech Mt.	38,274	1,414	632	3,033	1,326	0	6	1,326	0	266
Big Meadows	47,881	2,200	0	0	0	0	300	600	0	0
Chestnut Dale	36,288	0	0	500	500	0	0	500	2,000	610
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	378,801	116,926	1,522	90,621	24,715	0	3,148	5,554	2,000	7,793
Elk Park	11,612	3,397	16	545	120	0	50	100	306	1,555
Fall Creek	46,839	6,611	204	1,265	1,320	225	1,477	2,519	814	6,713
Green Valley	21,157	916	0	0	300	87	500	329	1,200	4,873
Jonas Ridge	34,540	3,189	1,200	1,246	395	0	212	192	0	2,633

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	59,169	275	6,000	2,220	0	3,000	2,500	0	0
Oak Grove	144,349	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,282
Pilgrim	0	2,000	0	6,884	900	588	400	7,000	0	0
Pineola	52,256	6,302	0	0	3,108	1,036	4,280	15,363	438	2,200
Pleasant Hill	104,606	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,072	6,188
Pleasant Valley	0	32,328	0	0	12,000	600	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	54,615	680	0	1,020	510	100	300	240	0	0
Stameytown	21,003	23,000	0	0	1,000	0	500	500	0	500
SugarMountain	40,000	500	0	1,250	1,250	0	300	0	500	4,000
Valley Haven		13,755	0	103	300	0	0	735	0	0
Whites Mem	26,372	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	735	1,385
Yellow Mtn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc.Totals	1,139,737	281,208	3,849	117,267	52,364	2,636	15,113	39,644	11,925	63,043

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We the affiliated Southern Baptist Churches of Avery County and one of Burke County, to facilitate the proclamation of the Gospel, to provide a medium of cooperation and recognize our interdependence and our dependence upon our Lord Jesus Christ; but in no case presume to direct or control the cooperative churches in reference to their government of internal policy; do hereby purpose to establish and maintain an Avery Southern Baptist Association in accordance with the following plan:

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be known as the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. It is the purpose of the association to provide an organization for the Southern Baptist Churches affiliated with it.
Section 2. To encourage them to faithfulness in every endeavor which we shall undertake together in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Section 3. To encourage them in the support of the association, Cooperative Program, and the Southern Baptist Convention.
Section 4. To cultivate a friendly and helpful union among the affiliated churches for their mutual benefit; and to engage in cooperative endeavors which the individual churches might be unable to accomplish alone.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of those churches represented by duly elected messengers for the annual meeting and representation elected by the local church to represent in other endeavors, from their membership, affiliated through prayerful and financial support of the body, known as the Avery Baptist Association - and:

a. Faith and practice of member churches shall harmonize with generally accepted articles of faith of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

b. Maintain affiliation by a letter of report to the annual associational meeting.

c. Financial support is vital to carry on work through the associational body and the ongoing ministries of the churches working together. A suggested goal of three (3) percent of the financial receipts of the cooperating churches is suggested as a minimum contribution.

Section 2. Each church having resident membership of one hundred (100) or less shall be entitled to three (3) messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, an additional messenger.

Section 3. The pastors who are members or who are laboring in connection with said church.

Section 4. The duly elected officers of the association.

Section 5. The members of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATED CHURCHES

Section 1. The Baptist churches, which have petitioned for membership, been examined by the duly designated committee of this body, presented before the association, and by a vote of the association are considered to be in fellowship with the purpose of the undertaking of the body, shall comprise the list of affiliated churches.

Section 2. The vote of the association to extend fellowship or to withdraw fellowship shall be a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE V - RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

Section 1. The association shall not have power to infringe upon the sovereignty or rights of the churches. It is neither an ecclesiastical legislature, nor council, nor court of appeals. It may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but not bind them in any way; yet, in view of the combined wisdom, piety and intelligence of the body, it may justly acclaim for itself, for objects and recommendations the very highest consideration and regard.

Section 2. There shall be a membership, Constitution, By-laws and study committee consisting of the Director of Missions, Moderator and three (3) others elected annually.

Section 3. This committee shall examine withdrawals of affiliation of any churches to the Avery Southern Baptist Association.

Section 4. Any church desiring membership with the association shall place their request with the above stated committee. The committee will in turn inform the executive committee at least three (3) months prior to the annual meeting about the request. When the Executive Committee has taken action on the request of the church, it shall be presented to the association in the annual meeting.

Section 5. Should any church disqualify itself by practice or doctrines contrary to those of the association, as stated in Article III on membership, or fail to represent itself by messenger or letter more than two (2) consecutive sessions without reason, or threats with contempt the objectives and requirements of the association, the association may dissolve connection with such church. This may be done by action taken in the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Any issue once presented to the association in regular session, after coming through the related committee and Executive Committee, being voted upon, must have a period of two (2) years of waiting before being presented again.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the church to elect messengers and to insist their attendance at all sessions of the given associational meeting.
Section 2. It shall be the duty of the church to have their associational letter read and approved and sufficient funds included to pay for requested number of minutes at cost of printing. The letter shall be mailed to the clerk of the association fourteen (14) days prior to the time for the annual meeting.
Section 3. It shall be the duty of each church to prayerfully uphold and financially support the association work.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. The meetings of the Avery Baptist Association will be held bi-annually. on the first Friday of the month of October unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee of the association.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of the association shall be: Moderator, Vice- moderator, Clerk, Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Director, Discipleship Director, Music Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, the Executive Committee, and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed. These officers shall be members of the affiliated Baptist churches and the duly elected various organizations, subject to the approval of the association.
Section 2. Their active term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting and continue as long as they are elected and approved by the body, unless herein after or before stated.
Section 3 It is suggested two (2) years of service be encouraged, and even longer would be advantageous to the association work, unless contrary to specifications otherwise stated in this document.

(A) MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the moderator to act;
1. In an executive capacity of all meetings according to the principles of a presiding officer.
2. As ex-officio member of all committees, unless otherwise specified.
3. The term of the moderator shall not exceed two (2) years in succession, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of one (1) year.
(B) VICE-MODERATOR: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to assist the moderator in the executive rulings of the Associational Meetings and in the absence of the moderator to serve as presiding officer. The Vice-Moderator will function in other capacities necessary to association work, if the moderator is unable to perform, or as requested. This includes completion of term, due to resignation.
1. Will serve as chairman of the program committee.
(C) CLERK: It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep faithful records of the proceedings of the body and, together with a publishing committee with shall consist of a moderator and two other appointed members of the association, publish the minutes and other important documents belonging to the body.
1. Attendance of the Executive Committee meetings is encouraged at all times, or arrangements for coverage.
(D) ASSISTANT CLERK: Assist the clerk in all tasks; and will function in the absence of the clerk, or at any time the clerk is unable to perform.
(E) TREASURER: As Treasurer, he or she shall keep records of all funds coming into his or her possession, and an account of all disbursements.
1. Give a printed monthly and annual financial report.
2. Provide records for a yearly audit.
3. Serve with the finance committee.
(F) ASSISTANT TREASURER: The Assistant Treasurer shall be prepared for and function in the absence of the treasurer, or any time the latter is unable to perform.

(G) HISTORIAN: It shall be the duty of the Historian to preserve important data of the association.
(H) PARLIAMENTARIAN: Shall guide the business of the Association, as called upon, through interpretation of the guidelines set forth and specified in the constitution and/or By-laws. If not specified therein, then in accordance the Robert's Rules of Order.
Section 4. The various heads of organizations, namely Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, Music Director, Chairman of Evangelism and other committee chairmen and task force directors as needed shall preside over the activities of these ministries and promote the working of the same.
Section 5. The Director of Missions shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of:
(A) The officers of the association.
(B) The pastor of each church, who is a member of, or laboring in connection with, said church and one lay member of the church.
(C) Two lay members, nominated and elected by the church who does not have a pastor or member to represent them.
(D) The name of the lay members of the Executive Committee, elected by their respective churches, shall be reported to the association in the church letter of report, for the annual meeting. They shall take office in like manner, as other members.
(E) This committee shall meet quarterly as prescribed by the associational calendar activities.
(F) The Executive Committee shall be authorized to hold special meetings if needed, upon call of the Moderator, or in the Moderator's absence the Vice-Moderator, or the Director of Missions. Notice must be given to each member church and associational executive officers one week in advance for any special meeting.

This committee shall submit full report of its work to the association at each session.

Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to transact whatever business may require attention of the association between sessions, provided that a quorum of ten (10) be present, which action shall be binding on the association (subject to their approval at the annual session), together with recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work, including the annual association budget.

Section 3. The Associational Council shall be composed of the Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Music Director, Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of Missions Committee, Chairman of Evangelism, Youth Director, Stewardship Director, and the Director of Missions, who will serve as chairman of the Associational Council. The duties of the Associational Council are:

1. To promote all work of the association.
2. To prepare a calendar of activities. If any cancellations take place after dates have been approved and placed in the printed calendar, it will be the responsibility of the person in charge of the Program Committee (Vice-Moderator) to see that proper notice has been mailed to the churches.

Section 4. The Finance Committee shall consist of six (6) members, including the Treasurer. The five (5) others will be recommended by the nominating committee. No church shall have more than one(1) representative. Two (2) of the five (5) nominated will rotate off at one time and three (3) the next rotation time.

(A) It is recommended the members of the Finance Committee serve at lest two (2) years and longer, if approved, not to exceed five (5) years without a lapse of at least one (1) year of service.

(B) This committee will be responsible for preparation and recommendation of an early Associational Budget after contact with chairmen of committees, directors, the Director of Missions

and awareness of office needs to perpetuate the Avery Southern Baptist Association work, then presented through associational procedure.

(C) This committee shall assist in other financial needs and, when called upon, function in such matters.

Section 5.

(A)The Nominating Committee will consist of Avery Baptist Associational key leaders, which include the following: Sunday School Director, Church Training Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Mission Committee Chairman, plus three members to be elected at the annual meeting. The Moderator and Director of Missions shall be ex-officio members.

(B) The duties of the committee shall be to elect a chairman and to bring nominations for all the general officers of the Avery Baptist Association; all department heads, standing and rotating committees, representatives of the denominational agencies and institutions, and General Board representative (who serves a four (4) year term unless completing a term due to resignation).

(C) They shall contact all those to be recommended to fill offices before their names are to be presented.

(D) In event that any office becomes vacant during the associational year, said office may be filled for the interim by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Executive Committee.

(E) This committee shall have additional members as the need arises.

Section 6. Program Committee shall consist of three (3) members including the Vice-Moderator who shall be chairman. They shall contact all those to be on the program and inform those to give reports. This committee shall be recommended to the Nominating Committee.

Section 7. Trustee Committee shall be composed of three (3) persons. They shall have the responsibility of holding the deeds for associational property, signing any notes, mortgages, or other legal

documents pertaining to the property of the association. They shall meet at the call of any need in reference to their job.

Section 8. The Ordination Advisory Committee shall be composed of six (6) members who shall act in an advisory capacity for churches or for ministerial students seeking ordination counseling. The committee shall assist in the ordination of candidates for the ministry only after their call to some specific position in Christian service, and shall refrain from announcing the date for ordination until after the Advisory Committee approval of the candidate.

Section 9. The Properties Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to care for all physical properties of the association. This includes such items as repair and maintenance, insurance property improvement, office and other equipment and long range planning for development and the like.

Section 10. The Membership, Constitution and By-Laws Study Committee shall be composed of three (3) members who are responsible for the examination of the affiliation and/or withdrawal of any church in the Avery Baptist Association. The committee will bring to the association body, through required channels, the necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws as needs arise.

Section 11. The Auditing Committee shall be composed of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to examine all financial records and then bring its report to the association.

Section 12. The Resolutions Committee shall be composed of two (2) members whose duty it shall be to present to the association such resolutions as they deem in order, or which may be referred to them.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds vote of messengers present at any annual meeting provided such an alteration or amendment shall be submitted in writing at the morning session and acted upon at the afternoon session.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed, in as far as applicable, in the governing of the Avery Southern Baptist Association, where not otherwise specified by the Constitution or By-Laws.

93rd ANNUAL SESSION
GREEN VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2004

The annual meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association was called to order this date, at 3:00 pm, by Rev. Dennis Church, Moderator. The congregation was led in song by Tess McNabb, accompanied by pianist Carolyn Church. Rev. Rufus Biddix welcomed everyone, gave a devotion followed by prayer.

The adoption of the program as written, was accomplished by a motion from Stan McNabb and seconded by Conley Huffman, and was carried unanimously. The roll call of churches , by Hazel Franklin, Clerk, noted that 16 churches were represented, and 58 messengers counted. No miscellaneous business was brought at this time. However, Rev. Larry Belas was introduced as the new pastor at Pineola Baptist Church.

Rev. Dennis Aldridge, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, brought before the assembly two recommendations. The first recommendation was to forego the current quarterly Executive Committee meetings, and to change to a bi-annual meeting format. This would provide for a spring meeting that would consist of a single session, and a fall meeting consisting of two sessions with a meal provided by the host church. The second item was a proposal that the associational meetings be hosted on a volunteer basis. Both items were voted on and approved in the second session.

The assembly then enjoyed special music presented by Tess McNabb. This was followed by the Associational Report by Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, who reported on goals and accomplishments of the year, and alluding to goals and

expectations for the coming year. His report was approved and adopted.

LeNita Platt presented the Treasurer's Report, and the Budget & Finance Committed report. Motions were made to adopt both reports, and were approved as printed. The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Andy Taylor, with a motion by Cecil Crawford to accept the report. This was voted and approved.. A Memorials Report was given by Hazel Franklin. This was followed by an interesting History of Green Valley Baptist Church, which was read by Inza Slayton. A copy of this will be found on the page immediately following these minutes.

Steve Bastion, of Samaritan's Purse in Boone, gave a report on Operation Christmas Child, and the "Shoe Box" ministry. This was followed by the Baptist Children's Home report by Rev. Lewis Smith, Western Area Director.

After a congregational hymn, led by Tess McNabb, Rev. Whetstine gave a progress report on New Life Bapist Church, and presented a motion to accept them in full fellowship of the Avery Baptist Association. This was approved unanimously. Rev. Whetstine then called Andy Taylor to the floor as representative of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, to accept two awards from the Baptist State Convention. They were recognized for being the church in Avery Association giving the most to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, and the second one for being the church giving the most per capita.

Rev. Russel Hoilman, Chaplain at Mountain View Prison, brought an inspiring report, which included poetry written by one of the inmates, praising Rev. Hoilman's devotion to God and his job at the prison.

The assembly enjoyed special music, brought by Cynthia Henderson, prior to the annual sermon by Rev. Richard Hollifield, of Stameytown Baptist Church. Rev. Hollifield used II Timothy 1 - 12 as test for his sermon.

The afternoon session was dismissed at 5:30, with a blessing for supper.

EVENING SESSION:

Rev. Dennis Church, Moderator, called the session to order. This was followed by a congregational hymn led by Tess McNabb. The Roll Call of Churches revealed 42 messengers present, representing 11 churches.

The Associational Secretary, LeNita Platt and the Director of Missions, Daniel Whestine were both recognized for outstanding work in the Association.

David Banner, Cecil Crawford, and Conley Huffman were elected to serve one term on the Nominating Committee.

The mission message was brought by Jack and Sharon McCormick, Mission Service Corps personnel of the N.A.M.B. They spoke about their work in War, W. Va. A love offering was taken
to help with this project.

Buck and Alice Marie Wicker blessed our hearts with the special music.

Rev. Lewis Smith gave the challenge message from John 17:17-26.

The Director of Missions adjourned in prayer.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

A very special "Thank You" to Green Valley Baptist Church for their wonderful hospitality and the great food. Everyone recognizes the effort that it takes to prepare for an event of this size. We truly appreciate that effort and your willingness to help. Thank you Green Valley Baptist Church!

Carolyn Church, Chairman

HISTORY OF GREEN VALLEY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

ESTABLISHED MAY 16th, 1886

It could well be said that the key thought in the minds of these dear people would be Hebrews 12:1 - "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

The arm for Green Valley Baptist Church came from the old missionary baptist church located on Brushy Creek. Mr. J. R. Green, known to all of us as "Uncle Jessie". Gave the land for the church. The site was soon cleared and work began on the church. The small trees were hewn into framing. All the framing was hewn by hand.

The building was soon ready for worship. They had a mind to work. This church grew and prospered. Even though they didn't have smooth sailing, they stood on the old faith.

They paid to every cause of the church, including home, state and foreign missions, even though the amount was small. They were very strict in their church disciplining.

Rev. W. D. Mace, Samuel Weatherman, J. A. Weatherman, Rev. W. H. Ollis, J. R. Green, J. E. Mace, E. C. Burgess, and many others paved the way for Green Valley Baptist Church. They believed Matthew 28:19-20 - "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

We couldn't forget the dear mothers who carried their part, too: Elizabeth Weatherman, Susie Mace, Katy Ollis, Gusta Green, Caroline Ollis, Cynthia Weatherman, and many others.

Rev. N. S. Hampton was pastor 13 ½ years - the longest service of any. Rev. J. C. Brown was next with 9 ½ years of service.

Thus continued the church until 1951 when it was decided that more room was needed. The new church building (which is the current church building in existence today) got under way. More

land was bought for room. Work went along very nicely with men from the church helping in the work, the roofing, and quite a bit of other material. Also, money was donated by friends. Records show cash spent amounting to $8,000.00.

Sunday school was held for the first time in the new building on Sunday, June 7, 1953. The building was not yet completed, but work continued as money was available. As of September 24, 1967, the church was finished and free of debt.

We are praising God, giving him the honor and glory, for he said in his word, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

This record was written by Mrs. Fritz Hall, Clerk, September 1967. Rev. Arthur Hoilman was pastor.

NOTE: Since the writing of the report by Mrs. Fritz Hall, the church has been served by many more faithful pastors, including: Rev.s' Willard Edwards, Bill Grindstaff, Jeff Willis, Roland McClellan, Bryan Griffith, Terry Robinson, and Interim Volunteer, Rufus Biddix. Rev. Bryan Griffith served the church 13 years, the longest service of any of the others listed. While he as pastor, we paved the parking lot and constructed the fellowship hall.

One thing Mrs. Fritz Hall failed to mention in her report was the unique shape of the sanctuary. It is shaped like a cross. A Bible was buried in the foundation at the front door of the building.

Respectfully submitted,Inza H. Slayton

Biblical Recorder

After celebrating its 170th anniversary in 2003, the *Biblical Recorder* remains true to its founding mission of publishing relevant news and fostering healthy dialogue among members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Today's North Carolina Baptists face a constantly changing landscape as population shifts, cultural trends and denominational debates each leave their mark. As always, Baptists fmd a variety of

ways to express their identity. North Carolina Baptists have a clear need to be informed of the many issues affecting Baptist life, mission work and mutual cooperation.

The *Biblical Recorder* exists to provide this needed service to Baptists in North Carolina and beyond. The *Recorder* staff works diligently to provide regular, dependable and balanced news coverage and analysis of the most significant matters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention. It serves as the official news publication of the Convention, and seeks to serve the full spectrum of its churches.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association every year since 2000, including the prestigious Burkhalter Award for news writing in 2001, and several first place awards for news and editorial writing, including two in 2003.

As readers have shifted in their preference for electronic media over traditional print formats, the *Biblical Recorder* has developed and maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the World Wide Web. Our Website, at www.biblicalrecorder.org, provides much of each paper's content online, as well as to access classified ads, online Bible study resources and a portal to other news services. The site is frequently updated with breaking news items and other articles of interest.

The *Biblical Recorder* was one of the first state papers to create a website, and it remains a leader in the field. Google.com's prestigious page-rank feature lists www.biblicalrecorder.org as the number one site for Baptist news on the Internet. Web users in North Carolina and around the world now rival the number of

those who read the *Recorder's* print edition, as an average of more than 40,000 unique visitors come to the site each month.

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Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2003, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 23 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling $633,000 and received $2.7 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $2.0 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds,

general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $5.3 million in contributions during 2003 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31,2003, the Foundation held $112.9 million under management.

During 2003, our distributions totaled $5.7 million, with, charity receiving $3.8 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $1.9 million. During the 83-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $25 million has been distributed to individuals and $44.1 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $69.1 million.

Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors

Annuity Board

After a tumultuous three year period resulting in a dramatic economic downturn which adversely affected retirement accounts of millions of Americans a dramatic rebound occurred during the last year. As a result, the asset base of the Annuity Board gained over 1 billion dollars in one year for the first time since the Annuity Board was established in 1918 to serve ministers and employees of Southern Baptist churches. Concurrently, many participant retirement accounts recouped much of the funds which evaporated during the downturn. The downturn presented a serious challenge to our office in assisting participants with meaningful educational materials and resources to make wise investment decisions.

Secondly, the ongoing national health care crisis continues to present serious challenges to our churches who strive to be responsible employers by providing adequate medical insurance in a rapidly escalating cost environment. To assist in this effort, the Annuity Board responded this year by offering new medical insurance plans. These new plans offer more flexibility with varying levels of deductibles and monthly rates. Along with the new plans, the Board emphasized a three-step approach to address the rising cost of health care. First, the Annuity Board is aggressively managing costs and continuing to create plans that provide more options for participants. Second, participants are encouraged to develop healthy habits related to eating and exercise. And, third, churches need to take the initiative, if at all possible, to provide medical coverage as a benefit for their ministers and staff rather than as a part of the salary package. Those church employees who live within the constraints of an antiquated "pay package" approach have seen a dramatic decline in disposable income if they have tried to maintain adequate medical insurance for themselves and their families.

Thirdly, as a result of actions taken by messengers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, the Annuity Board gained permission to serve evangelical ministry organizations outside the SBC and to change the official name of the Annuity Board to GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. The name change will become official with an affirmative vote at next year's annual convention.

Fourthly, the Endowment ministry of the Annuity Board continued its work to make Southern Baptists aware of the tragic plight of retired ministers and their widows who were unable to plan adequately for retirement. Individuals and churches responded with open hearts and open hands as they helped to underwrite the financial assistance given to those who are in desperate need. More than 3,000 persons in our convention presently receive financial assistance with 335 residing in North Carolina.

As of May 31,2004, North Carolina participants in the retirement

plan moved above 5,200 in 2,332 (61 %) of our churches. Our goal is to have all of our churches actively participating in the retirement plan provided by the Annuity Board of the SBC.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministers, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org, call the Annuity Board at 1.800.262.0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny E. Ross, Senior Consultant, Annuity

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Above and beyond - these words best describe what North Carolina Baptists did last year!... Churches around the state came mightily to the aid of Baptist Children's Homes in 2003-04 as their beloved institution faced one of its most critical financial times. Prayers, money, and gifts of food, towels, sheets, school supplies, and clothes flooded in. These showers of blessings softened the blow of a nearly four million-dollar budget cut. *Thank you.*

History was made as churches from all 80 Baptist Associations gave food to BCH's first-ever statewide food roundup. Nearly 500,000 pounds of food were collected filling every available space on our campuses. Directors of Missions graciously opened their offices as collection points for the food. Churches delivered food filling their offices, halls and storage rooms. Trucking companies picked up the food from the Association offices and delivered this great expression of your love and concern. *Thank you.* (The next Food Roundup is slated for April 2005.)

Last year, nearly 2000 videos of *Jennifer's Story* were distributed to churches. The video told how North Carolina Baptists made a difference in the life of Jennifer Shore. Jennifer found hope and healing at Baptist Children's Homes. As an adult she and her

husband returned to become child care workers. More than 600 churches invited BCH representatives to share how the lives of children, children like Jennifer, are being changed every day. United together, North Carolina Baptists not only met the 2003 Thanksgiving Offering goal, but exceeded it! *Thank you.*

Baptist Children's Homes is at the center of North Carolina Baptists' hearts. Their actions prove it! Jesus challenged us all when he said, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Our children and staff, the people in your communities, and the citizens of North Carolina saw Jesus in action and our Heavenly Father was glorified! *Thank you.*

Blackwell marks 20th year as president...On July 1, 1983, Michael C. Blackwell became president of BCH. Trustees honored his twenty years of ministry during their September 2003 board meeting with "A Celebration of Ministry."

*BCH begins strategic planning process...*BCH president Michael C. Blackwell initiated an agency year-long strategic planning effort. Blackwell says this is the most comprehensive effort since he became president. All areas of the agency are involved in the development of the plan. Recommendations will be presented to the Trustees at their September meeting. The plan will debut in January 2005.

Shine your light!... Inspired by North Carolina Baptists, this year's Thanksgiving Offering theme is "Shine your light." Although blessings flowed freely in 2003 helping to avert more difficult hardships, our need remains great. Children and families continue to pour out their hurt on our doorsteps. Alone and suffering, children need to know that in their journey of darkness there is a light shining, guiding them to a better day. You help keep the light on and shining bright as we, day-to-day, offer help in Jesus' name. Our statewide Thanksgiving Offering goal this year is $1,300,000. This represents a $75,000 increase over last year's offering goal. An increase demanded by necessity. Challenge your church to participate in the 2004 Thanksgiving Offering. *Our success*

depends on you.

BCH...Focused on the Future... Despite the trying times, Baptist Children's Homes continues to be committed to providing only the highest quality of service. Children who come through BCH's doors continue to receive an abundance of love, care and healing. A dedicated staff serves and gives of themselves sacrificially. The lives of children and families are worth every effort. BCH holds true to its mission of *"helping hurting children... healing broken families."*

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Missions giving, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables BCH to provide care for more than 2000 children through our locations across the state. *Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support. We could not do what we do without you.*

Michael C. Blackwell,Pres. ~ Abe Elmore,Bd. of Trustees Chair.

Director of Missions

This past year has been one of the busiest and most successful that I can remember for Avery Baptist Association. We have seen our Lord work in a mighty way in every area of ministry. One of the things that has really encouraged me has been in the area of participation. We have seen the attendance in all of the events that we sponsored increase dramatically over similar events in the past. Our Annuity Conference and Youth Crusade are good examples.

One area of ministry in particular that was given a lot of attention this past year involved our youth. We had a Mid-Winter Youth Rally in January. One hundred and fifty of our young people came and five of them gave their hearts to the Lord that night. Our goal is to make this an annual event. Crosswalk was another event that

was scheduled for the youth of our county. This was a week long series of events centered around the "Cross". We were pleased to see approximately 200 young people giving honor and reverence to the Cross of Christ. Probably the most exciting event this year has been the new church start. New Life Baptist Church has seen tremendous growth both numerically and in missions giving during this past year. We expect to see great thing from this congregation in the coming years.

The ministries of our association are many and varied. From counseling with pastors, pastor search committees and church members, to collecting food for the Baptist Children's Homes. From Sunday School Seminars, to disaster relief. From pulpit supply and revivals, to providing denominational information, and the list goes on. This past year we also participated in two mission

It is an exciting time to be a child of God with all the ministry opportunities that are before us and God does expect us to take advantage of each of these opportunities. Because of people like you, this can be done. You are the association. Because you see the vision and because you have a heart for missions, the ministries of this association can go forward and we can be successful in whatever we attempt. When we combine vision and heart for missions with a desire to be in the perfect will of God, then we can't help but be successful.

Many of you will be called on in the coming year to serve. Please prayerfully consider that call. Thank you for all that you have done this past year. Without you, Avery Baptist Association and all its ministries would not be.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Whetstine

Prison Ministry

This report is to thank you for our support and update you on some of the happenings at Mountain View Prison this year.

For the past year (August 2003 - July 2004), we have had 162 inmates saved. On May 7th I had the privilege to baptize 20 of them with the help of our volunteer Hispanic pastor.

On March 13, we had a "One Day With God" camp where a group of 22 inmates at the prison would spend that day with their children. The camp was to help break the cycle of prisoners' children making bad choices and ending up in prison too. Certain factors enter into the analysis of what makes a criminal: drug abuse, alcohol addiction, poverty, mental illness, and fatherlessness. The night before, the inmates took a four hour seminar, complete with workbooks from the Great Dads ministry. This is a Virginia organization that promotes fatherhood. The speakers said children often feel that they caused a father's absence. They counseled the inmates to tell their children that only Daddy was responsible for what he did. There were a lot of projects and things for the dads and their children to do together and they also got to watch a movie produced by the Billy Graham Association and eat popcorn and drink soft drinks. There were also clowns that performed a pantomime about a lost soul finding redemption. This camp was the dream of Scottie Barnes of Forgiven Ministries who brought it all about. She comes regularly to the camp and many, many men have given their lives to the Lord because of her ministry, not only here but at Blue Ridge Prison Camp. Her ministry came back on April 17 and twenty men came to the Lord that day.

We have also had a week-long revival with Rock of Ages Prison Ministry. Seven men were saved that week.

There have been many one-on-one salvations in my office this year and we have had many saved in my services and in services with our volunteers.

I have been working second shift for the last few months, so if you need to get in touch with me, you can call my home between

9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. After 3:00 p.m. please call me at the prison, or leave a message at home with my wife. I am available to come and present the prison ministry to your church or be a fill-in preacher if you need one.

Again, thank for all of your support, it is very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted, Russell Hoilman,

"CHAP, THE LORD'S FOREMAN"

He's ten feet tall and bullet proof; without an ounce of alcohol, but the Holy Ghost - He's a preacher and a cowboy, a hired hand on the Lord's ranch; he'll lasso you in- A defender of the herd, the sheep; he'll shoot it to you straight with the Word-

When the wolves are closing in, he'll come riding hard and fast, guns blazing, Bible in hand - He'll round you up when you've drifted away, bring you back to the Fold alive and well - Then pray to the Lord for your strength, that you be renewed and steadfast -

He'll be there when you've been good or bad, through thick and thin, to lend a helping hand - He'll introduce you to the Owner of the ranch, put in a word that you are a good man -

That you've been through some scraps and deserve another chance; he'll do all he can to help you stand -

He'll help you break that horse and mount that stallion, stay in the saddle and ride off a success -

He'll show you the path, then tell you to "hit the trail and don't look back, you're the Lord's man" -

He'll tell you, "You work for the Owner of the ranch" with tears in his eyes as you ride off saying goodbye -

As you ride into the sunset there will be tears in your eyes, thinking about the man they call Chap -

You will know he is more than a preacher and a cowhand; he's the Lord's foreman, "Big Jake's" son -

The biggest of cowboys and the biggest of men and more than that. . . he is your friend -

Always remember the things he told you; remember what he said, "Get out there and round 'em up" -
"Defend the herd and prove your worth", "stay on the narrow way and in the saddle", "round up the strays" -
If we stay straight we'll ride with the "Chap" again someday on the Owner's biggest ranch, but till then-
Head 'em up and move 'em out with lasso in hand and never forget the words or the man known as "Chap".
There's only one more thing left to say to the Lord's foreman. . .
"We all love you, Chaplain Hoilman. Thank you."

Christopher Long
Written Sunday, August 1, 2004

This was given to me Sunday night after church service at the prison by Mr. Long. He had written it that day. He gave his permission to be able to submit it with Russel's annual report to the Baptist Associations. Thanks so much for your support.
-Sonja Gail Hoilman (Chaplain Hoilman's wife)

Wilderness Hispanic Baptist Mission

The Wilderness Hispanic Baptist Church is looking to the Lord for guidance in relocating to Spruce Pine. We are presently meeting on Main Street in Newland, Sundays - 10:30 a .m. and in Spruce Pine on Thursdays at Pinebridge, 7:00 p.m. We have people coming from Plumtree, Burnsville and Marion as well as Newland and Spruce Pine. Our Sunday service averages 45 adults and 20 children.

We have outreach activities and a Biblical Discipleship class.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Alonso (Eph. 2:10)

Baptist Retirement Homes

Because of your generosity, Psalm 16 is a fitting scripture for the over 700 older adults who reside at the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina.

Their lot has been made secure –

All of your gifts through the Cooperative Giving Plans of the Baptist State Convention, through the February North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, and through direct gifts from the churches are designated to provide care for those who otherwise could not receive care. Many of our Assisted Living care residents and the majority of our Nursing Care residents receive financial assistance from you. Furthermore, our promise to each of our residents is care that will last for as long as they live.

Their boundary lines have fallen in pleasant places –

At the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville...at Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem...at the Taylor House in Albemarle...and at Hamilton Baptist Home in northeastern North Carolina, beauty, security, and comfort are found in full measure.

They have a delightful inheritance –

At each of the Homes, the ministry of a Baptist Chaplain lifts the hearts of our residents. The enrichment and recreational opportunities at each Home make for an enjoyable lifestyle. Day after day the high quality of care that is given speaks of the care of a loving Heavenly Father, helping to make life for our aging saints...The Best of Times!

We have a statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons. The Baptist Elder Care Network – 1-800-887-7410.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Osment

Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (Baptist Hospital)

Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, one of the nation's preeminent academic medical centers, is an integrated health care system that operates 1,291 acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care beds, outpatient services, and community health and information centers.

The Convention established the annual Mother's Day Offering in 1924 to help patients in financial need pay their hospital bills, to lift heavy burdens in the name of Jesus Christ and His love. Money given to the Mother's Day Offering helps pay all or a portion of the hospital bills of selected patients who have a serious financial need and received care at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. The Baptist Benevolent Appropriations Committee, comprised of Baptist ministers and lay persons, administers the fund. Each patient is carefully screened and recommendations are made for assistance. Many beneficiaries have no health insurance. No other resources are available for those being helped. No wonder patients experience your gifts as a gift of God's grace.

Wake Forest Baptist is consistently ranked as one of America's best hospitals by U.S. News and World Report (top 50). As an academic medical center, Wake Forest Baptist brings together the best of patient care, research and education. With internationally recognized faculty who are pushing the frontiers of medicine and a focus on expert training, Wake Forest Baptist offers patients the benefit of the latest medical knowledge and subspecialty care.

Baptist Hospital CareNet Counseling Centers, our Department of Pastoral Counseling, annually provides over 24,500 hours of counseling at 22 locations across our state. This ministry brings emotional and spiritual healing, consistent with the compassion of Christ, to those who have been broken. Our counselors are licensed professionals with deeply held personal faith. They extend the ministry of churches, receiving many referrals from Baptist pastors on behalf of church members who are hurting.

Approximately 40% of our counseling hours are provided to Baptists.

The initial vision of North Carolina Baptists to extend the healing touch of Christ has unfolded in remarkable ways at Baptist Hospital over the past 80 years. As Christ ministered to those who were broken in body, mind, or spirit and made them whole, we continually strive to follow His example. We consider it a sacred responsibility and profound privilege to serve Him in this mission of healing. We are thankful to you, North Carolina Baptists, for being our partners in ministry.

State Missions

Christ began with the people closest to Him...12 men who were the first to hear the Good News. But soon they were traveling to nearby towns and villages sharing the Gospel. Then, in Acts 1:8, Jesus commanded His followers to "be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Missions begins right here at home and extends to the most remote places in the world.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina serves as a home base for the mission efforts of Baptists in our state. We are directly involved with the local church in nearly every North Carolina community from the coast to the mountains. North Carolina Baptist Men disaster relief volunteers like Benny Langston are ministering to hurricane victims in Elizabeth City. Others are hearing the Good News through new church starts like Simms' Fork Baptist Church, deep in the mountains of North Carolina.

The Baptist State Convention partners with associations, extending the missions and ministries of the local church, and jointly employing and supervising missionaries serving in North Carolina. Last year, more than 600,000 people attended the 100th anniversary celebration of Orville and Wilbur Wright's first flight

at Kitty Hawk National Park. A combined effort of local churches and associations, the state convention, WMU, Baptist Men, and others seized the opportunity to practice servant evangelism and demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways.

Baptists in our state are directly involved in national and international missions through North Carolina partnerships and special projects across America and around the world. In fact, the world is coming to our doorstep as North Carolina Baptists continue to minister to an ever-increasing number of ethnic cultures in our state. Language missions such as La Communidad Internacional Fellowship in East Flat Rock provide vital bilingual ministry to members who are natives of 14 countries.

The theme of "North Carolina: The State of Our Mission" for the 2004 North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer encourages us with reports of God's good work in our world, challenges us to reflect on our role in the mission effort, and provides us with a multitude of opportunities to respond and become personally involved in the missions and ministries of North Carolina Baptists.

Great things are happening as a result of North Carolina Baptists' sacrificial giving and fervent prayer for missions and ministries. You'll hear reports from language missions, Baptist Men's disaster relief teams, WMU restorative justice programs, and more. God is at work through the faithful efforts of North Carolina Baptists.

Now is the time to pray and seek God's guidance about your role in the mission effort. Christ called each of us to be witnesses, so there is a place of ministry for each of us. Ask Him how you should be involved.

Each person's unique gifts, talents, and circumstances combine into an individual mission. Some will be called to travel to foreign lands. Others will be asked to simply cross the street and minister to a neighbor in the name of Christ. God created each person to fulfill a specific purpose. Be open to participating in His work through the mission efforts of North Carolina Baptists.

Facts about North Carolina:

1. Population: 8,440,515
2. Largest number of ethnic churches – Hispanic
3. Number of Baptist churches in state: 3,969
4. Number of baptisms in 2003: 225,450
5. Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches: 1,178,940

Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men fund their total budget with the exception of employee benefits out of the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Cooperative Program

Southern Baptists are a fellowship of over 16.3 million members in approximately 43,024 churches in all 50 states and Canada These churches work together through approximately 1,194 associations, 40 state conventions, 1 fellowship, and the Southern Baptist Convention to accomplish through voluntary cooperation far more than they could ever do alone.

The Southern Baptist worldwide missions enterprise is funded in large part through the unique, efficient, and equitable Cooperative Program. A portion of the undesignated tithes and offerings of individuals received by SBC churches becomes Cooperative Program dollars. In 2003, these churches sent over $501 million through the Cooperative Program to their state conventions to support work within the state and the Southern Baptist Convention. As determined by messengers to the annual session of each state convention, a percentage of these Cooperative Program receipts is sent to the SBC Executive Committee for distribution to SBC entities. In 2003, an average of 63 percent of total Cooperative Program receipts was used for state convention ministries, and roughly 36 percent was forwarded to the SBC for national and worldwide ministries. Messengers to the 2004 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Indianapolis,

Indiana approved the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for 2004-2005 of $183,201,694.

Your local Southern Baptist association does not receive CP gifts directly. It ministers through gifts received directly from churches and often receives CP gifts indirectly in the form of support from state conventions and the North American Mission Board.

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions.

We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the opportunity to hear the gospel, respond with faith in Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers.

Few people would debate that North America's "lostness" is deepening. Millions of people – in the United States, its territories, and Canada – still desperately need Christ. They need the gospel presented in ways they can understand. And they need churches to which they can relate. North America's population is now slightly over 316 million. And it's estimated that as many as 224 million of those people do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In the past 10 years, the U.S. population alone grew 13 percent while the number of SBC churches grew 9 percent, and the number of resident members in SBC churches grew less than 8 percent. Today 80 percent of our churches are in the South, and 70 percent of the net gain in our churches in 2001 was in the South.

North America is growing faster than our mission force, faster than our number of churches, and it's growing in many places where our churches are few and small. And as North America grows it is becoming increasingly pluralistic, increasingly secular, and increasingly permissive in the name of "freedom" and

"tolerance." Our media, politicians, schools, and entertainment industry increasingly make clear their view that personal faith in Christ is at best "one option" to be "tolerated." Meanwhile it's an option that more than two-thirds of the people in North America have not chosen. That two-thirds, those 224 million souls, are our mission.

A total of 198 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through the North American Mission Board. The total chaplain count is 2,407, and more than 15,200 people came to Christ through their faithful sharing of the gospel in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare.

The Evangelism Response Center is making it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches. There were 14,891 calls received and 406 people made salvation decisions during the calls, while 2,558 referrals were made to SBC churches.

Crossover Phoenix, held prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, and coordinated by the North American Mission Board, resulted in 1,100 professions of faith.

In 1900, there were 27 Southern Baptist churches for every 10,000 Americans. Today, there are only 11 churches for every 10,000 people. In some states, the ratio is as high as one SBC church for every 150,000 people. Canada has one SBC church for every 227,000 people. NAMB's goal is to double the number of Southern Baptist churches by the year 2020 - a task that will involve helping local churches start 60,000 new churches.

Southern Baptists continue to volunteer for mission service in record numbers:

☞An estimated 420,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects.

☞More than 20,000 disaster relief volunteers from 38 state conventions responded to 75 disasters, prepared 2 million meals, and repaired 1,300 homes

☞More than 860 churches were involved in 74 On Mission Celebrations in 2003, and more that 267 missionary speakers were assigned to speak at these events.

NAMB's missionary count as of December 31, 2003, is 5,176. Of this number, 3,245 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1,931 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries with two or more years of service.

Through the faithful giving of Southern Baptists and NAMB's leadership commitment to maximize financial and human resources, the agency has put more money toward the mission field than ever before. In 2003, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) were commendable. Receipts for the AAEO were a record-breaking $49,650,279.

International Mission Board

Southern Baptist have reason to rejoice with the International Mission Board's 2003 Annual Statistical Report. For the first time, the number of baptisms has exceeded the half million mark, with 510,357 baptisms reported by missionaries working in partnership with national Baptists around the world. The number reflects 17.7 percent increase over the previous year's 433,519 baptisms.

This is just one area of growth in a report where double-digit increases were recorded in eight of 13 categories of work.

IMB missionaries are working to plant churches among 192 new people groups, 146 of whom had never been exposed to the gospel. Despite these exciting numbers, though, room for progress remains. More than 5,000 people groups have little or no access to the gospel. We now have 5,510 missionaries among 1,328 people groups.

While 8,407 new churches were reported in 2002, the 2003 report cites almost twice as many – 16,721. Through church planting, missionaries hope to engage those who have never heard the gospel.

The report also showed 426,849 new believers in discipleship training, an increase of 128,035 from the previous year.

Your IMB missionaries give their lives to the missions task. And your faithful support keeps them on the field doing what God has called them to do. With each soul won to Christ, each new believer's baptism and each church-planting movement started, you are a faithful partner in the harvest.

As your church gives, prays and goes, unreached people like the Manga Kanuri of West Africa, the Huishui Miao of China and the Uzbeks of Uzbekistan – gain access to the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. They hear and respond because your IMB missionaries go with full support and because you give generously and sacrificially.

Your church's involvement in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides for your IMB missionaries' day-to-day needs. Because you give sacrificially, your missionaries can spend their time reaching for souls instead of raising support. The offering comprises 50% of the IMB's total income, and every penny goes to missionaries and their ministries.

Week of Prayer for International Missions this year will be November 28-December 5, 2004. The national goal is $150 million. The emphasis will be on praying for the Muslim peoples and the people of India.

Christian Higher Education

Great works stand the test of time. The classics. They are the books that are required reading in classrooms around the world. They are the masterpieces that hang in Louvre and other great museums. They are the compositions from Beethoven, Bach, Mozart, Strauss and countless others that are taught and studied and appreciated generation after generation.

What makes them classics? What makes them stand the test of time? Put simply, these works were developed by people who took painstaking care with their craft. Attention was paid to every

individual detail as if the very life of the work itself depended on it. Love and devotion and skill were combined with each vision to produce an explosion of creativity and unique expression.

If these explanations truly define the classics and the great works, then the Baptist colleges of North Carolina belong in that very category. Five institutions that define the spirit and commitment of North Carolina Baptists draw their very essence from the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, an institution that was created in part to fulfill the mission of Christian higher education in this state.

Begun in 1830, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has stood the test of time. Using the same qualities as the great composers, artists and authors from throughout the centuries, the Baptist State Convention has poured love and devotion and care into the pursuit of offering only the finest in college education.

Campbell University, Chowan College, Gardner-Webb University, Mars Hill College and Wingate University are the five institutions affiliated with the convention. Why is that important? Because heritage and history make for strong foundations. With the support received from the convention through scholarships, resources, prayer, encouragement and leadership, these institutions grow stronger each year in reputation, prestige, character, quality and respect.

Gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget of the Baptist State Convention of NC last year made it possible for 499 members from 316 convention related churches to attend our five affiliated institutions of higher education. Some of the recipients would not have been able to pursue their dream of a degree from an accredited college or university without the financial assistance provided by generous Baptists like you.

Respectfully submitted,

Clella A. Lee, President, John Roberson, Executive Director

Executive Committee Reports

January 22, 2004

The Executive Committee of the Avery Baptist Association, met on Thursday, January 22, 2004, at Green Valley Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, by Rev. Dennis Church, Moderator, followed by scripture and prayer by Rev. Rufus Biddix, pastor of the host church. Psalms 100 was the scripture he read.

Hazel Franklin, Clerk, called the roll of churches, noting that 7 churches were represented by 23 members present. The financial report was then given by Treasurer, LeNita Platt, which was accepted as printed.

Under New Business, Rev. Daniel Whetstine stated the Sunday School Conference has been scheduled for March 23rd, and Rev. Fred Lunsford would be the speaker. He then asked everyone to be much in prayer as he makes plans to go to Arkansas in the near future, to promote a partnership with one of the churches. Next, he alluded to work being done toward a new porch on the Association office, and stated concrete will be poured next Thursday morning, subject to favorable weather, and asked anyone who could help with this, it would be appreciated.

Upon being asked, Rev. Whetstine then gave a report on the new church, New Life Baptist, stating they are averaging about 30 people in attendance, and have 14 regular members.

With no old business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Dennis Aldridge, with a second by Harry Platt. Rev. Aldridge dismissed in prayer.

April 22, 2004

No minutes due to lack of attendance.

July 22, 2004

The Executive Committee met on Thursday, July 22, 2004, at Chestnut Dale Baptist Church, being welcomed by Pastor, Rev. Jerry Burleson, and leading in Scripture and prayer. A roll call of churches was made by Hazel Franklin, Clerk, stating that 5 churches were represented, with 11 messengers present. A financial report was given by LeNita Platt, Treas., which was accepted as printed.

Rev. Whetstine gave a report on the mission trip to War,West Virginia, where they delivered 50 chairs and 8 tables that were very much needed in the mission work there. A motion was made to allocate money from the general treasury to put a roof over the porch at the Associational office.

Bob Daniels had questions about the work of the Association.

Rev. Lander Heafner made a motion to appoint a committee to look into the feasibility of having semi-annual meetings instead of quarterly.

Rev. Richard Hollifield made motion to adjourn, Jacob Willis closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hazel Franklin, Clerk

WMU Report

I will praise you...because you are faithful to your promises, Oh God." Psalms 71:22

Our God is so faithful. He promises us He will be. And He has truly been good to the Avery Baptist Association and the WMU this past year.

In October 2003, Aaron Baptist hosted our Fall training. Cara Lynn Vogle visited from our State WMU office and helped us understand WMU on a state level, and also trained churches on missions for the children of the church.

In January 2004, we hosted our 2nd annual Prayer Retreat. Again it was held in a family members' home where ladies could come spend the night or go home and return the next morning. Each

church brought things to eat, and we did a study from Joyce Myers' book, "The Battlefield of the Mind". Debbie Edwards and Ann Cook were our speakers and the Lord truly blessed this event! April Johnson coordinated our prayer times focusing on areas around the world, being reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We also prayed for our country and our individual lives and ministries. God's presence was truly felt throughout the whole weekend and all our eyes were opened to another aspect of who our Heavenly Father is and who He wants to be in our lives.

In April and in August we hosted a ladies breakfast at the Shady Lawn in Newland. All ladies from any church in the Association were invited and we had good attendance each time. This was done to help promote WMU in the county, and how it can be used in each church and community.

In May our Annual Meeting was held at Pineola Baptist Church, and we had an awesome time! We had a World Crafts Party, which consisted of watching a video about World Crafts, and each church prepared a dish from a country that they also purchased items from. The items are made by craftsmen all over the world where we have missionaries. This enables the people of that country to provide an income for their family as well as giving the missionary a contact with that craftsman. This positions them to have a relationship with them and their families where they can share the love of Jesus. God is so good! We had a great time at this meeting.

We have also had great success partnering with Chaplain Hoilman at the prison, providing "goody bags" for the prisoners. He uses these as a way to meet the need of a prisoner, which gives him the opportunity to tell them how much they are loved by their Heavenly Father. Some of the bags had personal hygiene items, and others had candy, popcorn, soups, etc. Things we take for granted, they consider a treat. Please continue in prayer for Rev. Hoilman and prisoners to which he ministers.

The WMU has a new theme this year..."Christ Followers", based on Luke 9:23,...*If any man will come after me, let him deny*

himself and take up his cross daily and follow me". Please make sure you have the book "She Walked With Jesus" in your library. Our mission emphasis for the next two years is "Poverty, Breaking the Cycle". Stay tuned for more information. You can order any of this material from WMU by calling them or shopping on-line.

In Closing, it has been an honor to serve you and this county as WMU Director for the past two years. Now the time has come for someone to take my place. We are not sure who that someone will be, but I know God has someone already chosen for the job. I also know He has a great future in store for WMU and the Avery Baptist Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Sizemore, WMU Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
2004 - 2005

Moderator	Rev. Richard Hollifield
Vice Moderator	Rev. David Burnop
Treasurer	LeNita Platt
Assistant Treasurer	David Anthony
Clerk	Hazel Franklin
Assistant Clerk	Kim Phillips
Sunday School Director	Susie Smith
WMU Director	
Baptist Men Director	Cecil Trivett
VBS Director	Lori Benfield
Evangelism Director	Rev. Dennis Church
Music Director	Tess McNabb
Pianist	Amber Benfield

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Dennis Aldridge, Chair
Maria Aldridge
Don Ford
Dianna Love

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE
Dennis Church, Chair
Rufus Biddix
Jason Willis
Lynn Church

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
David Burnop, V-Mod.,Chair
Andy Taylor
David Anthony
Lillie May Hollifield
Clara Perry

BUDGET & FINANCE
LeNita Platt, Chair
John McCoury
Linda Poteat
Don Ford
Hazel Franklin

CONSTITUTION COM.
Susie Smith
Cecil Crawford
Dennis Aldridge

TRUSTEES
Joe B. Perry
Simon Franklin
David Banner

NOMINATING COMM.
All Assoc. Key Leaders
Plus 3 elected each year
at annual meeting:
Cecil Crawford
David Banner
Conley Huffman

BUILDING & GROUNDS
Roy Woody
Harry Platt
Simon Franklin

RESOLUTIONS COMM.
Carolyn Church
Bonita Taylor

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
Sept. 27, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	$43,006.22
Baptist State Convention	3,244.75
Misc. Contrib. (Min.Books, BSC Contrib., WMU)	900.00
Total Receipts	$47,150.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

100 Key Leadership Organizations	
101 Sunday School	.00
102 Baptist Men	.00
103 Evangelism	144.55
104 W M U	440.40
105 V B S	.00
106 Youth Ministry	.00
107 Speakers Honorarium	175.00
200 Director of Missions	
201 Salary	9,125.42
202 Social Security	1,439.00
203 Utilities and Housing	5,700.00
300 Operating Expenses	
301 D.O.M. Expense Reimb. (Travel, etc.)	1,500.00
302 Office Phone	675.35
303 Office Supplies	764.24
304 Office Equipment	656.84
305 Office Utilities	1,003.00
306 Newsletter Postage	750.00
307 Secretary	5,859.00
308 New Printer Account	1,500.00
309 Cell Phone Expense	240.62

400 Mission Ministries

401 Prison Chaplaincy	1,800.00
402 Resort Ministry	.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund	601.03

500 Miscellaneous Expenses

501 Insurance (Bldg. & Equipment)	767.00
502 Health Insurance	10,593.76
503 Building Maintenance	415.20
504 Miscellaneous Expense	92.90
505 Convention Expense	500.00
506 Christmas Gift, DOM	400.00
507 Treasurer	300.00
508 Clerk	300.00
509 Quarterly Tax Reports	.500.00
510 Christmas Gift, Sec'y	.200.00
511 Pastors & Wives Christmas Dinner	240.00

Total Disbursements (Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept. 30, 2004)		46,683.31
Cash on Deposit, Sept. 30, 2003		3,598.92
Add: Total Receipts for Fiscal Year		47,150.97
Total	$	50,749.89
Less Total Disbursements		- 46,683.31
Cash on Deposit - Sept. 30, 2003	$	4,066.58

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET - 2004 - 2005

100 KEY LEADERSHIP	PRESENT	PROPOSED
101 Sunday School.....	100.00	100.00
102 Baptist Men.....	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism.....	500.00	500.00
104 WMU.....	400.00	450.00
105 VBS.....	100.00	100.00
106 Youth Ministry.....	1,000.00	800.00
107 Speakers Honorarium.	300.00	300.00
	2,450.00	2,300.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary.....	9,400.00	10,000.00
202 Social Security.....	1,439.00	1,439.00
203 Utilities & Housing.....	5,400.00	5,600.00
	16,239.00	17,039.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 DOM Expense Reimb.	1,500.00	1,700.00
302 Office Telephone....	800.00	800.00
303 Office Supplies.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
304 Office Equipment.....	1,200.00	1,200.00
305 Office Utilities.....	1,200.00	1,300.00
306 Newsletter Postage..	700.00	800.00
307 Secretary.....	6,300.00	7,300.00
308 Equip.Maint.Agreement	560.00	Delete
309 New Printer Account...	1,800.00	Delete
310 Cell Phone Expense....	205.00	250.00
	15,765.00	14,850.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy.....	1,800.00	1,800.00
402 Resort Ministry.....	400.00	400.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund....	800.00	800.00
	3,000.00	3,000.00
500 MISC. EXPENSE		
501 Insurance (Equip & Bldg.)	700.00	1,000.00
502 Health Insurance.....	10,600.00	10,600.00
503 Bldg. Maintenance.....	800.00	800.00

504 Misc. Expense.....	200.00	200.00
505 Convention Exp.	500.00	600.00
506 Christmas Gift.....	400.00	400.00
507 Treasurer.....	300.00	300.00
508 Clerk.....	300.00	300.00
509 Quarterly Tax Rpts.	500.00	500.00
510 Christmas Gift, Sec'y.	200.00	200.00
511 P & W Christmas Din.	400.00	500.00
	14,900.00	15,400.00
TOTALS:	52,354.00	52,589.00

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES

CHURCH	CONTRIBUTIONS (Oct. 1, 2003 - Sept.30, 2004)
Aaron	2,530.00
Beech Mountain	1,746.00
Big Meadows	50.00
Chestnut Dale	500.00
Cranberry	1,800.00
Crossnore First	19,458.00
Elk Park First	.00
Fall Creek	1,320.00
Green Valley	225.00
Jonas Ridge	537.18
Long Ridge	.00
Minneapolis	1,155.00
New Life	879.00
Oak Grove	2,035.00
Pilgrim	.00
Pineola	1,100.00
Pleasant Hill	4,022.13
Pleasant Valley	590.35
Powdermill	1,200.00
Stameytown	652.25
Sugar Mountain	1,290.31
Valley Haven	1,116.00
Whites Memorial	300.00
Yellow Mountain	500.00
Convention	3,244.75
Other (Misc)	900.00
Totals	**47,150.97**

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Oct. 2003 - Oct. 2004

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Statistical Tables

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership 3-Total Baptisms 3b-(6-8) 3d-(12-17) 3f-(30-59) 4-Other Additions
2-Resident Members 3a-(Birth-5) 3c-(9-11) 3e-(18-29) 3g-(60-Up) 5-New Member
Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Aaron	95	78	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Beech Mt.	192	90	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	70	58	7	0	1	2	4	10	22	17	6	0
Cranberry	80	80	4	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	553	507	11	0	1	7	3	0	0	0	13	0
Elk Park	89	58	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0
Fall Creek	166	92	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
Green Valley	41	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	211	125	7		2	2	1		2	0	8	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	317	310	22	0	4	0	18	0	0	0	3	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	74	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
Pleasant Hill	279	240	7	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	4	0
PleasantVal.	50	0	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	52	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	48	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	110	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	2441	1813	73	10	12	19	29	13	31	18	49	0

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Interc. Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Ass. Miss. On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Aaron	1849	2001	B	75	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Beech Mt.	1869	1996	A	44	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Big Meadows	1845	2001	A	85	0	0	0	Y	0
Chestnut Dale	1903	1997	A	56	0	0	N	N	N
Cranberry	1907	1997	A	65	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	1907	1983	C	300	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Elk Park	1917	1993	C	37	0	0	Y	N	Y
Fall Creek	1886	2003	A	58	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Green Valley	1897	0	A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	1887	2003	A	77	0	0	Y	Y	Y

Long Ridge	1945	2001	0	0	0	0	N	N	N
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	N	N
New Life	2003	2003	C	28	0	0	0	Y	Y
Oak Grove	1900	1999	C	150	0	0	Y	N	Y
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	1920	2004	A	45	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Pleasant Hill	1903	2000	A	115	0	0	N	Y	N
PleasantVal.	1893	2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	1947	2001	A	25	0	0	N	Y	N
Sugar Mtn.	1950	2002	A	30	0	0	N	Y	N
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	1949	0	A	42	0	0	Y	N	N
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals				1232	0	0			

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15a-(Birth-5) 15b-(6-11) 15c-(12-17) 15d-(18-24) 15e-(25-34) 15f-(35-54) 15g-(55-64) 15h-(65-up) 15i-Gen. Officers 15j-Other Bible Study 16-Avg Wkly SS Att 17-SS Not Member 18-VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Aaron	70	3	5	0	5	5	8	20	25	2	20	45	0	25
Beech Mt.	50	5	11	6	5	0	23	8	16	12	0	44	0	41
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	47	8	4	3	5	7	4	8	6	5	0	35	10	42
Cranberry	75	6	11	9	7	8	10	12	11	0	0	45	0	50
Crossnore	345	13	304	25	15	45	89	110	16	2	0	238	50	186
Elk Park	48	2	4	6	7	9		7	4	2	0	0	0	42
Fall Creek	79	7	6	3	1	8		20	18	8	40	56	0	41
Green Valley	24	0	1	1	1	0		5	6	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	76	5	5	4	3	6		15	0	0	25	77	20	65

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	163	18	36	10	22	28	16	7	24	2	0	87	0	146
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	35	0	0	10	0	0	11	10	7	0	0	0	0	40
Pleasant Hill	154	20	17	7	19	20	24	23	21	3	0	103	37	110
PleasantVal.	40	3	7	8	8	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	30	0	3	5	0	0	0	3	13	2	0	24	0	42
Sugar Mtn.	46	2	8	2	0	6	15	3	10	0	0	28	0	48
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	43	3	3	6	2	3	3	8	4	11	28	30	6	75
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	1325	95	425	105	100	145	258	267	181	49	113	812	117	953

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk Park	25	2	2	1	19	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	117	18	22	10	66	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	55	5	8	7	34	1	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	10	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	25	2	6	2	16	5	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	20	4	13	0	0	3	6	0	0	4	2
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	252	31	54	23	135	13	0	0	0	0	2

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up)
21a-(3-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Aaron	21	1	2	5	12	1
Beech Mt.	33	2	4	8	9	10
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	30	0	10	0	20	0
Crossnore	138	3	20	40	55	20
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	38	2	4	1	31	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	35	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	5	0	0	0	5	0
Oak Grove	93	9	15	18	33	18
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	10	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	69	10	9	9	38	3
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	3
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	20	4	6	2	8	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	492	31	70	83	211	55

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b_(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 24d-Miss. Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up) 25-Other

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Aaron	26	0	0	0	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	95	5	15	10	65	3	0	50	8	12	30	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	33	1	4	0	23	5	0	8	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	12	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	37	10	6	7	10	4	0	14	9	5	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	6	0	0	6	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	223	16	25	17	149	16	1	78	17	17	36	0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Aaron	85,420	8,359	0	4,800	2,530	0	575	2,008	2,919	9,614
Beech Mt.	35,016	300	1,400	1,416	2,865	0	0	800	161	1,270
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	56,310	0	0	2,000	1,250	0	0	500	1,500	0
Cranberry	20,932	14,336	0	0	1,156	650	200	318	0	500
Crossnore	429,303	136,558	5,019	86,758	20,658	0	3,500	5,580	2,000	11,082
Elk Park	12,299	2,499	17	441	0	0	0	0	247	0
Fall Creek	58,668	13,585	0	1,260	1,320	225	2,104	3,812	905	13,157
Green Valley	20,864	1,690	0	0	420	284	873	533	0	6,693
Jonas Ridge	45,824	3,518	4,002	2,160	475	0	760	131	0	2,050

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	27,788	400	0	980	980	0	860	1,385	647	1,595
Oak Grove	145,223	65,021	202	6,000	2,220	0	3,000	2,500	0	13,494
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	50,896	10,000	0	7,635	1,200	958	608	2,224	0	0
Pleasant Hill	130,243	4,859	0	0	3,883	1,294	6,482	18,896	2,589	15,838
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	2,358	0	0	1,545	773	197	355	348	75	0
SugarMountain	42,526	11,617	0	0	13,650	0	500	500	0	5,255
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	25,057	10,460	0	0	300	0	0	802	802	2,117
Yellow Mtn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	888,727	293,202	10,640	114,995	53,680	3,608	17,713	40,337	11,845	82,665

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CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
OF THE
AVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Also referred to as the Association, Avery Association or ABA

PURPOSE

1.) The association will provide an organization in which affiliated churches may voluntarily cooperate as we work together for the Lord.
2.) The association will engage in efforts that draw upon the unified strength of the cooperating churches, allowins us to accomplish tasks that could not be done by individual churches.
3.) The association will encourage, assist, and train the affiliated churches but will not exert authority on the churches. Each church is independent regarding leadership, worship style, and curch polity.

MEMBERSHIP

1.) Membership shall consist of those churches which have petitioned for membership, been accepted by an appropriate vote of the association, and maintain fellowship according to these by-laws:

A.) The faith and practice of member churches will agree with accepted articles of faith that are common in our association and the Southern Baptist Convention.

B.) The churches will provide a letter of report to the annual association meeting.

C.) The churches will assist in the work of the association through financial support as each church is able. A goal of 3% of church receipts is suggested as a minimal contribution level for the association. Each church should prayerfully support the association and should encourage member churches in their ministry/

D.) Each church having 100 members or less shall be entitled to 3 messengers to the annual meeting, with an additional messenger for every 50 members over 100. The pastor of each church may also serve as a messenger.

E.) The association is the sole judge of its membership and may

receive or reject churches according to its by-laws. Member churches may also withdraw if they desire by providing written notice to the association office.

F.) The Membership Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and 3 others elected annually. This committee will examine requests from any church desiring membership.

G.) Associational meetings will be held semi-annually in spring and fall, and the meetings will be held at member churches as they choose to act as host church. The Moderator will preside at these meetings and Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

OFFICERS & DUTIES

All officers shall be members of the affiliated churches and elected by the majority vote of the association. The officers shall be:

1.) Moderator: The moderator shall preside at all meetings, is an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall not serve longer than 2 consecutive years.

2.) Vice-Moderator: The person will assist the moderator and preside at meetings in the absence of the moderator. The person will also serve as chairman of the program committee.

3.) Clerk: This person will maintain records of the proceedings of the association and shall assist in publishing the minutes and other important documents of the association.

4.) Assistant Clerk: The person will assist the clerk in all tasks and shall serve as clerk in the clerk's absence.

5.) Treasurer: This person will maintain all financial records, provide financial reports as needed, and serve with the finance committee.

6.) Assistant Treasurer: Should assist the treasurer and shall serve in that office should the treasurer be absent or unable to perform the duties

COMMITTEES

All members of standing committees will be on a rotating basis unless an exception is noted in the committee description.

1.) The Membership Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and three other members chosen from member churches. The purpose will be to consider questions of membership in the association.

2.) The Finance Committee will consist of six members, with the Treasurer and two pastors currently serving churches in the association included on the committee. The remaining members will be recommended by the nominating committee with no church having more than one representative and each member serving a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years. The purpose shall be to recommend the annual associational budget and assist in other financial matters as needed.

3.) The Nominating Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and three others who are not serving in an elected associational position at the time they are placed on the committee. The duties are to contact and recommend candidates for all general officers, department heads, and committees. The committee will also fill and vacancies that may arise within the year.

4.) The Program and Place Committee will consist of the Vice-Moderator and two others recommended by the nominating committee. The purpose shall be to determine the location for both spring and fall general sessions and determine the agenda and speakers for all sessions.

5.) The Trustee Committee will consist of three persons who shall have the responsibility of caring for deeds for associational property and signing notes, mortgages, and other legal documents on behalf of the association.

6.) The Properties Committee will have three members who will direct the maintenance and repair of all physical property of the association.

7.) The Resolutions Committee will have two members who shall present to the association sessions the resolutions that have been referred to them or that they determine to be appropriate.

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the messengers present at the general session provided the amendment has been presented in writing at the previous general session.

International Mission Board

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He gave His followers an assignment to make disciples of all people groups. Christians have been working on the mission ever since, and completing it is finally within our grasp.

"As we move further into the 21st century, we are discovering unprecedented opportunities for completing the task," says International Mission Board President Jerry Rankin. "Creative strategies are providing missionaries access to previously closed and restricted locations. Responsiveness is increasing."

Researchers have been able to identify the remaining people groups that don't have access to the gospel. They know the languages without a Bible and people groups without a church. And they know what it will take to get the gospel to them.

International Mission Board missionaries have a vision of getting the gospel to every people group by 2010. The task will require 8,000 missionaries, almost 3,000 more than the current number. But with more and more saying yes to God's missionary call, that goal seems realistic.

What will it take financially to send 8,000 missionaries with the support they need? An annual budget of $500 million, almost $217 million more than the 2005 budget.

That sounds like a lot of money. And it is. But consider this: In 2004, Southern Baptist churches reported receiving $10.1 billion.

If just 5 percent of those offerings were given for international missions, that would make a $500 million budget -- enough to send and support 8,000 missionaries.

Hearts around the world are waiting to hear the truth, and when they do hear, many of them will accept it with joy. The question today is not whether Southern Baptists have the resources to make sure those people do hear — the question is whether Southern Baptists will use the abundant resources God has given them to be sure everyone has opportunity to embrace or reject the gospel.

Baptisms for 2004 — 607,132

New churches — 21,028

Our Week of Prayer for International Missions 2005 will be December 4-December 11. When the books closed on the 2004 Lottie Moon offering, Southern Baptists had given $133,886,221.58 – just short of the previous year's total and short of the $150 million goal. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports 5,237 missionaries among 1,225 people groups.

God has a specific role He wants you and your church to play in the Great Commission task. For help finding that role, contact the International Mission Board at 800-999-3113, or imb@imb.org.

Cooperative Program

If "two heads are better than one" how much better are 16.3 million? This is the current membership in more than 43,000 Southern Baptist churches across the United States. With a global population exceeding six billion and a command to take the gospel to every nation, we must enhance our cooperative efforts if we are going to fulfill Christ's command.

Churches in your state work together through your state convention to support a wide array of ministries and missions including: evangelism efforts, children's homes, volunteer missions, missions education, new churches, colleges and universities, collegiate ministries, camps, and much more. For additional

information concerning your state convention , log on to www.sbc.net and click on state conventions.

The Southern Baptist worldwide missions enterprise is funded in large part through the unique, efficient, and equitable Cooperative Program. A portion of the undesignated tithes and offerings of individuals received by SBC churches becomes Cooperative Program dollars.

Every year your church decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in your state and around the world through Cooperative Program Missions. This amount is then forwarded to your state Baptist convention. During the annual meeting of your state convention, messengers from your church and other churches across the state decide what percentage of CP Missions gifts contributed by local congregations stays in your state to support local missions and ministries. The percentage to be forwarded to the SBC for North American and International missions and ministries is also determined at this time.

At the SBC Annual Meeting, messengers from across the country decide how the gifts received from the states will be distributed among SBC entities. These gifts are used by Southern Baptist entities to send and support missionaries, train pastors, missionaries, and other ministry leaders; provide relief for retired ministers and widows; and address social, moral, and ethical concerns relating to our faith and families.

The bottom line -- people around the world hear the gospel and receive Christ.

State Missions

If you are a Christian, you have a mission. In Acts 1:8, Jesus commanded His followers to "be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Through this Great Commission, Christ gives

us a mission and a method for spreading the Good News. Quite simply, we are to begin at home, then extend to the most remote places on earth.

North Carolina Baptists are committed to this commission. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has been and continues to be a partner with local churches, Baptist associations, other state conventions, and national and international mission organizations to equip our churches for Great Commission ministry.

Baptist missions mobilization begins at numerous locations in our state, from the front pew of your local church to Fort Caswell to the Baptist Building in Cary.

Through the combined efforts of churches, local associations, and the Baptist State Convention church planting team, new missions initiatives reach more and more specialized communities across our state every year. One of the newest is cowboy churches, which meet in rodeo arenas, complete with ushers on horseback, baptisms in watering troughs, and blue jeans as standard church attire.

Baptists in our state are also directly involved in national and international missions through North Carolina partnerships and special projects across America and around the world. When tsunamis devastated the coast of Sri Lanka and Indonesia in December, 2004, specialized teams from North Carolina Baptist Men's disaster relief ministry provided safe drinking water, served meals, and administered emergency medical treatment to the people who had no homes and no hope for the near future.

The theme of "North Carolina: The State of Our Mission" for the 2005 North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer encourages us to mobilize and equip our Great Commission churches for Great Commission ministry through Great Commission giving. As a Christian, you have a mission. Find your support through the mission opportunities available at the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Realize the power of your gift to the North Carolina Missions Offering. Through your giving, North Carolina Baptists are able

to support a new language mission church in your town, blind and deaf ministries in North Carolina, and disaster relief work overseas – all at the same time. Your Great Commission giving fuels the mission effort.

Facts and Figures about North Carolina:

→Population: 8,541,221

→Largest Number of ethnic churches – Hispanic

→Number of Baptist churches in state: 3,996

→Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches: 1,160,492

Through the sacrificial giving and faithful prayers of North Carolina Baptists, record numbers of believers are mobilizing to fulfill their part in the Great Commission. Equipping churches and training individual members or targeted ministry is a cornerstone of Baptist State Convention mission efforts.

Annuity Board

(GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of NC)

The name change from the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, became official with action at the annual convention in Nashville, TN, in June of this year. With the name change comes a renewed effort from the national agency and the individual state conventions to service more effectively the needs of church employees relating to retirement, insurance, planning financial support, church and clergy tax issues, etc.

In an ongoing effort to provide a variety of insurance products priced competitively to meet the diverse needs of our constituency, GuideStone continues to negotiate with insurance providers for the best price. Moving to Blue Cross/Blue Shield Highmark as the primary provider and to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield national network has saved millions of dollars this year for our churches and church employees. Unfortunately, pastors and employees of our

smaller churches (less than 10 employees) are at the greatest disadvantage because of the requirement to prove evidence of good health in order to qualify for coverage. We continue to encourage new students in our divinity schools, Bible institute, and seminary to take advantage of the 31 day open enrollment period commiserate with their first time enrollment in one of these schools.

The need for retirement planning among our church employees continues to be a challenge which must be met through meaningful educational experiences. The most difficult task is getting the appropriate information to key decision makers in our churches – church treasurers, budget/finance committee members, personnel committees, deacon chairs, etc., who determine what retirement benefits, if any, the church will provide for their pastors and other church employees. Many of these key leaders are unaware of the protection benefits – disability and survivor – in the Church Annuity Plan which are provided at no cost to North Carolina retirement participants who meet the eligibility requirements. During calendar year 2004, 964 disability checks totaling $459,166.09 and 15 survivor checks totaling $328,655.38 were sent to North Carolina church employees and their families.

Without question, the most disturbing part of my work is the large number of pastors who come to retirement with social security as their only source of income. This is especially sad for those who have served our churches for many years and have little or no retirement monies to rely on in their latter years. Presently, GuideStone is providing financial assistance on a monthly basis to 244 retired pastors and church employees here in North Carolina through the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief Ministries.

Finally, it is our desire to increase the level of retirement participation from 5,165 participants in 2,354 churches, which represents 61% of our NC churches as of June 30, 2005, and to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1-800-395-5102, extensions

320 or 321, visit our web site at www.northcarolinabaptists.org, call GuideStone at 1-800-262-0511, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Johnny E. Ross,
GuideStone State Representative

Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2004, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 42 endowment funds and 17 charitable trusts totaling $2.9 million and received $4.9 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote "Make Your Will Month," Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $1.3 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $9.1 million in contributions during 2004 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest

these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2004, the Foundation held $125.8 million under management.

During 2004, our distributions totaled $5.5 million, with charity receiving $3.5 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2 million. During the 84-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $27 million has been distributed to individuals and $47.6 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $74.6 million.

Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

Baptist Children's Homes

Celebrating our past...charting our future!...Baptist Children's Homes has set its sights courageously toward the future as it observes 120-historic-years of service. Since 1885 when 9-year-old Mary Presson was admitted as a child in care, Baptist Children's Homes has been a beacon and a haven to children. Baptist Children's Homes has touched thousands upon thousands of lives throughout three centuries, never afraid to meet the ever-changing needs of children and families, yet never wavering from its fundamental mission.

In the dawn of a new millennium, Baptist Children's Homes stands poised. BCH proudly charts an exciting pathway to the future through its new strategic plan: *GuidingStar...Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families.*

Lives are miraculously changed. Tears of boys and girls

evaporate and hopeful smiles bloom. Through the remarkable efforts of North Carolina Baptists and the love and leadership of God, Baptist Children's Homes continues its mission of helping hurting children...healing broken families – offering the promise of a better tomorrow to those we serve now and in the years to come.

GuidingStar Defines Bold Path...After a year-long effort led by BCH President Michael C. Blackwell, Baptist Children's Homes launched *GuidingStar...Illuminating the Lives of Children and Families*. The new strategic plan was approved by the Trustees in their September 2004 meeting and was officially introduced in February of this year. Comprised of defined core values and determined focus, *GuidingStar* was created with essential input from all BCH staff. Blackwell's vision was to create a strategy that could by utilized for years to come.

Family Gathering II Celebrates 120 Years..."Family Gathering II" brought together all staff members and children from Baptist Children's Homes facilities statewide to celebrate the agency's 120th anniversary. The historic day was held on June 14, 2005, at Mills Home in Thomasville and was only the second time the entire "BCH family" has gathered at the same time and place. Everyone participated in a day of games, singing and a worship program in the campus church.

North Carolina Baptists "Roundup" Food for BCH...The "Food Roundup" was held in April 2005 for the second time in three years. North Carolina Baptists poured out their support by collecting, sorting and delivering essential food and supplies for all BCH's geographic areas. Associations reported church participation was high as Directors of Missions allowed their offices to become key collection points for donations. Volunteers donated their time to help sort and count the food.

Many Voices, One Story...This year's Thanksgiving Offering theme, "There For Me" represents the pivotal role individuals play in the lives of hurting children. Baptist Children's Homes represents the outstretched hands of God, supported by North

Carolina Baptists through their prayer and financial support. BCH staff lends their lives and their hearts daily to care for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of boys and girls. Just as Jesus proclaims in the scriptures, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," dedicated friends have made the same promise to the children who walk through BCH's doors. It is only through North Carolina Baptists' support and commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide Thanksgiving Offering goal is $1,350,000. This represents a $50,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2005 Thanksgiving Offering.

Breaking New Ground...Baptist Children's Homes continues to make a difference around the state. On September 26, 2004, BCH broke ground for two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry group homes in Zionville. "Joy Cove Ministries," the homes for adults with developmental disabilities, are currently under construction on the original Camp Joy property near Boone...Three BCH direct staff became the first child care workers in the state to be professionally certified through the Children and Family Services Association – North Carolina. Two other staff members received certification to train additional child care workers for professional certification...Groundbreaking for the Alerta Bolick DDM group home in Asheville took place on November 30, 2004. The home is under construction...A "Laying the Foundation" ceremony on February 9, 2005 celebrated the building of the Harmony Home DDM residence in Dunn. The home was built in cooperation with Housing and Urban Development and Harnett County's Association for Retarded Citizens...The building of Kennedy Home's new education center was commemorated with a groundbreaking ceremony on July 3, 2005. In partnership with Lenoir County Schools, the facility will house the specialized education program serving Kennedy Home residents and other students from the community.

Council on Christian Higher Education

Like all institutions of higher learning, your Baptist colleges and universities – Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate provide education for their students. But what makes our Baptist colleges and universities unique is their mission.

Education with a mission is training and developing knowledge, skill, mind and character with a special purpose. This special purpose is to encourage and enable students to use expanded knowledge, enhanced skills, improved minds and enriched character to impact the world for good in keeping with their faith commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

Thanks to your support for Christian Higher Education the Baptist State Convention provided financial aid to 550 North Carolina Baptist students in the amount of $1,174,922 in 2004. These students received an average of $2,136. From Mitchell/Avery Association 2 students received scholarship aid. These students came from the following churches: Bear Creek and Chestnut Grove.

Without your assistance many of these deserving students would not have been able to attend a Baptist college or university. Thank you Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate for providing education with a Christian mission. And thank you Baptist churches for supporting North Carolina Baptist students. Together you are impacting the world for good and for God.

Clella A. Lee, President
Talmage Williams, Interim Executive, Director

Christian Action League

When 1.5 million babies are aborted every year in this country;

When 80% of church-involved youth drink beer and 47% use marijuana, and these don't differ greatly from youth that are not in church;

When alcohol is involved in 68% of all manslaughters, 62% of all assaults, 54% of murders and attempted murders, 30% of all suicides, 60% of all child abuse, 80% of all spousal abuse, 65% of all drownings, and 80% of all fire deaths;

When the sale of obscene materials amounts to a $56 billion business;

When there is one divorce granted for every two marriages performed each year;

When there is a major push in this country to give same sex couples the same rights and privileges of marriage;

When Christians are actively persecuted and discriminated against on the job, in our schools, and by the government;

When we can no longer pray or hang a copy of the Ten Commandments in our public school;

And when the churches of our nation know all about this and are largely unwilling to address the moral and social problems of our day for fear of ridicule...or because they think that the church ought not to get involved in politics...

Somebody needs to do something!!!

My friends that is what the work of the Christian Action League is all about. The Christian Action League currently represents 17 Christian denominations who collectively and cooperatively address the social, ethical, moral, and legal issues which impact our lives.

The Christian Action League was chartered more than 100 years ago as *The Anti-Saloon League*, and in 1937 at the Baptist State Convention in Wilmington, North Carolina it was restructured to become *The Allied Church League For The Abolition of Beverage Alcohol*. Then because of expanded moral and ethical issues facing

the Judeo-Christian family, the charter was amended in 1958, to rename the organization *The Christian Action League of North Carolina*.

The Christian Action League ministers in several areas of vital concern and involvement.

We are in the General Assembly promoting legislation that is consistent with a Christian world-view. We advocate for those measures that strengthen the family and oppose legislation that would erode the family structure. We are your voice – the Christian voice in the State Legislature of North Carolina.

We are on the front line combating the gambling industry and its highly paid lobbyist in their efforts to legalize gambling and to bring a state-operated lottery to North Carolina.

We discourage the promotion and use of beverage alcohol and other drugs, pornography, sexual immorality and other evils that undermine our society. We also provide education and educational materials, as well as to help communities from coalitions to battle these influences.

One of our most important tasks is training, developing, and motivating Christians to be involved in the political process. We want to mobilize Christians to be as Jesus commanded them to be – the salt and the light of the earth. Christians are to arrests and expose such contemporary issues as abortion, gambling, suicide, sex education, homosexuality, and we provide the information and help needed to deal with these critical issues.

Invitation To Get Involved: I want to invite you to personally become a part of our efforts. And one of they ways you can do this is to allow us to put you on our e-mail list. If you have a personal computer, our e-mail will send to you every week a report about the latest and most significant events in the culture wars Many times we will suggest some action that you can take to make a positive impact for Christ upon our legislators or some other situation.

Whether you have a personal computer or not, we also would like to start sending to you our quarterly publication of The

Beacon. This periodical is our newsletter, which is chock-full of information about social and moral issues every Christian in North Carolina needs to know and pray about. To sign up for this publication: send your name and address to: Christian Action League, 809 Spring Forest Rd., Suite 1000, Raleigh, NC 27609

Rev. Mark Creech,
Executive Director

Prison Ministry

This report is to thank you for your support and update you on some of the things that have been happening at Mountain View Correctional Institution this year.

For the past year (August 2004-July 2005), we have had 187 inmates saved. On July 20th of this year, I had the privilege to baptize 17 of them.

Rock of Ages Prison Ministries conducts two week-long revival services at Mountain View each year. While here, volunteers also spend their time visiting with inmates in the pods, on the recreation yard, and in segregation.

On September 29, 2004, the Love Ministry officially began. Each week, 10 welfare inmates are given a small bag containing canteen items. Local churches and other inmates in the unit donate these items. A total of 337 bags have been distributed to date.

October 3, 2004, the movie, "The Passion of the Christ," was shown to the inmate population. A total of 353 inmates attended the two viewings. Twenty inmates came forward for salvation or rededication.

The Redeemed Drama Team, which consists of 15 Mountain View inmates with assistance by community volunteer Eveline Horrell, has conducted three dramatic performances to date. Their Easter production 'The Easter Passenger" saw 151 inmates, 14 volunteers, and 7 correctional staff in attendance.

On June 18, 2005, Forgiven Ministries with Scottie Barnes

showed the Billy Graham Ministries video, 'The Last Ride Out." There were 434 inmates and 21 volunteers in attendance. A total of 24 men came forward to dedicate their lives to Christ.

There have been many one-on-one salvations in my office this year and we have had many saved in my services and in services with our volunteers.

Due to the state chaplain departing us at the end of April, I have been working a varied schedule each week. Currently, my tentative schedule is Monday to Wednesday from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions or just wish to talk, call me at the prison (766-2390) or leave a message at home with my wife. I am available to come and present the prison ministry to your church or be a fill-in preacher if you need one.

Again, thank you for all of your support; it is so very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Russel Hoilman
Chaplain, Mountain View Correctional Institution

What Is A Chaplain, And What Do They Mean?

To some they are nothing, to some they are just someone who puts on a show like they care, to some of us they are more than just a show, more than just a chaplain. To me a chaplain is my friend, someone who cares, someone I can turn to when I need to talk, someone who will cry with me if I need to, someone I can turn to when there is no one else around. He is the dad I never had. Now you may be asking yourself what is this talking about? (Right) So let me share a little story about myself, if you would please.

You see I growed up with a dad, I never heard say to me, that he loved me. When he killed my mom, he never was there for me. He was always off somewhere drunk. I growed up looking for the love I never had. One day not long ago, was a day I'll never

forget. That day. I felt like I'd lost everything, but yet gained everything. Yes, I gained everything, even everlasting life. You see, It was last year I lost a few of my family members. The whole world came in on me all at once. You know at that time I wasn't living for God. I didn't have anyone to turn to. I went to this chaplain to talk and he said things and told me things that I never knew anything about. He let me know that although I felt alone, I was not. He told me of a man who was right here with me, who felt the same loneliness that I felt, who felt the pain I felt. Than man, he was talking about is now my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This chaplain, became more than just a chaplain to me. Chaplain Hoilman became my friend, my brother in Christ, and even more like a dad to me that I never had before. You know he would tell me, Tenn, God loves you "son" and so do I. That's why I say, I lost everything, just to really gain everything. Really sad to say, but coming to prison was the best thing that has ever happened to me. Now you see, I know about the love of Jesus Christ and Chaplain Hoilman. I know how it feels to be loved and to love others. I now have a new mom and dad. That's Chaplain Hoilman and his wife. I also have a very big family, and that is everyone of you. I wanted to take this time to say thanks for sending Chaplain Hoilman my way. If it wasn't for chaplains like you, prisoners would be hurting, because some like myself would have never found Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Thanks for caring about us people behind the fence, thanks for your prayers, but most of all, thanks for my new found friend, brother and dad, who I look up to so much. Thank you Chaplain Hoilman.

Love you, Chap,
Your brother in Christ,
William Hall (Tenn)
Inmate, Mountain View Correctional Institution

P.S. For all you brothers and sisters out there,
prayers are going up for you from inside.

Biblical Recorder

The *Biblical Recorder* exists to serve Baptists in North Carolina and beyond by providing regular, dependable and balanced news coverage of the most significant matters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of opinion pieces supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, though it enjoyed a close relationship with the Baptist State Convention. In 1939, it became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the Baptist State Convention, and seeks to serve the full spectrum of its churches.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association every year since 2000, including the prestigious Burkhalter Award for news writing in 2001 and numerous first place awards for news and editorial writing, including two in both 2003 and 2004.

As many readers now prefer electronic media to traditional print formats, the *Biblical Recorder* has developed and maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the World Wide Web. Our Website, at www.biblicalrecorder.org, provides much of each paper's content online, as well as access to classified ads, online Bible study resources, and a portal to other news services. The site is updated frequently with breaking news items and other articles of interest.

The addition of a new "blog" or "weblog" by the editor at http://journal.biblicalrecorder.org provides an additional source of news and opinion, updated almost daily, that also provides an online community for dialogue and an opportunity for readers to post their own blogs or comments.

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Baptist Retirement Homes

"as the Lord has assigned to each his task...we are laborers together with God." I Cor. 3:5&9)

Your partnership with Baptist Retirement Homes is making possible the care of over 700 Older Adults in five locations across North Carolina.

"We are laborers..." The challenges related to Older Adults are tremendous – mushrooming numbers and mushrooming needs. In response, Baptist Retirement Homes continues to stay on the cutting edge in providing a full range of services: Independent Living in Winston-Salem and Concord; Nursing Care in Asheville, Winston-Salem and Concord; Assisted Living at all locations.

"...together..." It is your prayers and your financial support that undergirds the high quality of Christian care provided by Baptist Retirement Homes. Because you join "together" with us, this year more than $2 million will be shared in caring for Aging Saints who are unable to pay the full cost of the care they both need and deserve.

"... with God ..." The great news is not only that we are ministering together in the name of our Lord but also that we minister in His strength. While the challenges are great, His "grace is sufficient."

We have a statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons, the Baptist Elder Care Network — 1-800-887-7410.

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions.

Six Priorities

NAMB partners with Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions to help reach the estimated 244 million people in North America who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. To penetrate the lostness of North America with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ, NAMB is guided by six major ministry objectives:

1. Sharing Christ – To assist Southern Baptist churches in evangelizing and baptizing new believers.
2. Starting Churches – To assist Southern Baptist churches in starting new, healthy, reproducing churches.
3. Volunteering in Missions – To help empower, equip, and mobilize Christians to be on mission with God locally, regionally, nationally, and around the world.
4. Sending Missionaries – To recruit, select, train, fund, and/or support Southern Baptists for missions service.
5. Impacting the Culture – To influence the culture, media, and marketplace with Christ's message of eternal hope.
6. Equipping Leaders – To develop innovative leaders, strategies, and resources that help Southern Baptists win North America for Christ.

Few people would debate that North America's "lostness" is deepening. Millions of people – in the United States, its territories, and Canada – still desperately need Christ. They need the gospel presented in ways that they can understand. And they need churches to which they can relate. North America's population is now slightly over 325 million. And it is estimated that as many as 244 million of those people do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our media, politicians, schools, and entertainment industry increasingly make clear their view that personal faith in Christ is at best "one option" to be "tolerated." Meanwhile it is an option that more than three-fourths of the people in North America have not chosen. Sharing Christ with those 244 million souls is our mission.

North America is increasingly ethnic and multi-cultural. God is literally bringing the world to our doorstep. One out of 10 (11.2%) residents of the United States today was born in another country. Last year 1.9 million people from Mexico alone, along with hundreds of thousands from the Philippines, Russia, the Dominican Republic, and India.

With 234 Southern Baptist churches in Canada, we are assisting the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists to take the gospel to more than 32 million people. There are more Christians in China than in Canada. There are 31 cities in Canada with 10,000 people or more that have no evangelical witness at all.

In 1900, there were 27 churches of all denominations for every 10,000 Americans. Today, there are only 11 churches for every 10,000 people. In some states, the ratio is as high as one Southern Baptist Church for every 130,000 people. Canada has one Southern Baptist church for every 127,000 people. North American Mission Board's goal is to double the number of Southern Baptist churches by 2020 – a task that will involve helping local churches start 60,000 new churches.

NAMB is committed to providing the resources and opportunities that will mobilize Christians and churches to be on mission as volunteers, where they live, work, and play. The

accomplishments seen in 2004 have only begun to tap our resources for reaching those around us.

Southern Baptists continue to volunteer for mission service in record number. An estimated 100,000 Southern Baptists were connected with short-term projects through NAMB in 2004. It is estimated that more than 400,000 Southern Baptists are active in volunteer mission efforts convention-wide.

More than 15,000 disaster relief volunteers from 38 state conventions prepared 3.5 million meals, repaired 2,683 homes, and cleaned more than 11,000 yards following disasters in 2004.

NAMB's missionary count as of December 31, 2004, is 5,126. Of this number 3,126 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state convention and local associations, and another 2,000 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries with two or more years of service.

Through the faithful giving of the Southern Baptists and NAMB's leadership commitment to maximize financial and human resources, the agency has put more money toward the mission field than ever before.

In 2004, giving to both the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was generous. Receipts for the offering were a record-breaking $53,845,989.

2005 Associational Emphasis

"Telling His Story..."

Long before there were state conventions and national conventions, Baptists found other ways to co-exist. Baptist pioneers recognized the uniqueness of the local church, but they also saw the need to find ways to cooperate with other Baptists – people of 'life faith and order."

Your local Baptist association – it's a centuries' old idea, but absolutely 21st Century. For three centuries churches of all sizes and shapes and styles have joined hearts and hands locally to do things together that sometimes were impossible to do alone. Now

your local association is finding ways, creative and innovative, relevant and practical to help churches and their members tell His story across the street and around the world.

Sometimes its hard for someone to hear about the bread of life while all they can think about is how hungry they are for something as basic as a piece of bread. You local association is involved in telling His story in word and deed. You and your church can share in this mission endeavor...just across the street!

Barriers of language, distance, possessions, and culture evaporate when those telling His story speak it in love. That's exactly what mission volunteers discover when they participate in an associational partnership or project in a distant land.

Whether sharing a piece of bread and the Bread of Life just across the street or joining an expedition to a faraway place, or getting involved in one of many life-impacting, destiny-defining opportunities locally, you'll find your local association the natural place to tell His story!

Presently in North Carolina, local Baptist churches have formed 80 local associations. Each association has its own unique structure and relationships. Many are made up of churches in a single county, while others cover multiple counties.

Discover how your association can help you and your church go "across the street and around the world."

Director of Missions

The local association as we have come to know it, is going through a time of significant transition. It is no longer enough for us to try to major on resources, information, promotions and programs. The future of this association is to be found outside the four walls of the office. The needs of our people and churches are changing. The local association absolutely "must" focus more on ministry-based objectives in the coming year in order to survive.

In the past year we have done some of this, but not nearly enough. We have been actively involved in both the Blue Ridge Prison Ministry and in the "Wilderness Hispanic Mission" Project. We participated in the North Carolina Baptist Children's Home's Food Drive, which was a huge success. We were privileged to host a Senior Adult Rally in May, and had a record turn out for this event. I taught an associational "Young Preacher Orientation Seminar," and shared with these men about associational missions and how we could be of help to them and their ministries. I worked with our Constitution Committee to complete a much needed revision of the constitution of our association. We were able also, through the efforts of many of our churches, to help collect over two tons of food and cleaning supplies. We also helped raise over $17,000 which was sent to N.C. Baptist Men.

This past year I have visited 25 churches, preached in 4 revivals, worked with 8 search committees in their pastor search efforts. I've had approximately 75 counseling sessions with both pastors and lay people, and attended 23 committee meetings. I helped 2 pastors with the logistics of getting their retirement started, helped one pastor get his disability and helped one pastor get his hospital bill paid.

I could go on, but I'm sure you get the idea. All of these ministries are valid and useful, but, there is so much more that we could and should be doing.

Plans are underway for the coming year. In a few weeks all of our leaders will be receiving a "tentative associational calendar"

that will list the upcoming events for the year. Included in this will be a county wide revival in April, a "March For Jesus" Rally, Youth Crusade, associational soul winning training, a Sunday School training conference, and a county-wide "Lay-led Revival."

A schedule like this will mean that we all must work together, but it can be done. We can accomplish these goals. Day by day, one objective at a time, we can become the association that God wants us to be. God bless you all and thank you for letting me serve as your Director of Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Whetstine

Proceedings of Semi-Annual Associational Meeting

Minneapolis Baptist Church
April 25, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Richard Hollifield.
Harry Platt led the congregation in song.
Bryan Griffith led the opening prayer.
The roll call of churches revealed that eleven churches were represented with forty messengers attending.
LeNita Platt presented the treasurer's report.
Rev. Lewis Smith spoke representing the Baptist Children's Home.
Alan Holmes presented the ministry of Candlestick Retreat and Enrichment Center.
Miscellaneous Business:

1. Rev. Dennis Aldridge presented proposed changes to the associational constitution. These changes will be voted on in the October meeting.
2. Rev. Aldridge gave a report on Sri Lanka and asked for

volunteers to help in that mission project.

3. Daniel Whetstine then spoke on the up-coming Senior Adult Rally.

Special Music by Rev. Bryan Griffith.

The challenge message was brought by Rev. Max Holland.

Closing Prayer by Rev. Daniel Whetstine

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
2005 - 2006

Moderator	Rev. David Burnop
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Jacob Willis
Treasurer	LeNita Platt
Assistant Treasurer	David Anthony
Clerk	Hazel Franklin
Assistant Clerk	Kim Phillips
Sunday School Director	Susie Smith
WMU Director	Donna Burnop
Baptist Men Director	Cecil Trivett
VBS Director	Lori Benfield
Evangelism Director	Rev. Jacob Willis
Pianist	Amber Benfield
Music Director	Tess McNabb

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Dennis Aldridge, Chair
Maria Aldridge
Don Ford
Dianna Love

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

David Burnop, V-Mod., Chair
Andy Taylor
David Anthony
Sonya Davis
Clara Perry

EVANGELISM COMM.

Jacob Willis, Chair
Dennis Church
Rufus Biddix
Lynn Church
Harold Dellinger

CONSTITUTION COMM.

Susie Smith
Cecil Crawford
Dennis Aldridge

NOMINATING COMM.

All Assoc. Key Leaders
plus 3 elected each year
at the annual meeting.
Cecil Crawford
David Banner
Conley Huffman

BUDGET AND FINANCE

LeNita Platt. Chair
John McCoury
Linda Poteat
Don Ford
Hazel Franklin

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Harry Platt
Simon Franklin

RESOLUTIONS COMM.

Carolyn Church
Bonita Taylor

TRUSTEES

Joe B. Perry
Simon Franklin
David Banner

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
Oct. 1, 2004 - Sept. 30, 2005

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	$40,219.89
Baptist State Convention	2,778.98
Other (Min.Bks.War W.Va, Tsunami Relief)	1,016.25
Total Receipts	$44,015.12

DISBURSEMENTS;

100 Key Leadership Organizations

101 Sunday School	.00
102 Baptist Men	.00
103 Evangelism	75.00
104 WMU	29.25
105 VBS	.00
106 Youth Ministry	.00
107 Speakers Honorarium	150.00

200 Director of Missions

201 Salary	10,000.00
202 Social Security	1,439.00
203 Utilities and Housing	5,600.03

300 Operating Expenses

301 D.O.M. Expense Reinb. (Travel, Supplies, etc.)	1,700.00
302 Office Phone	701.49
303 Office Supplies	729.65
304 Office Equipment	801.58
305 Office Utilities	1,006.00
306 Newsletter Postage	400.00
307 Secretary	7,130.37
308 Cell Phone Expense	300.60

400 Mission Ministries

401 Prison Chaplaincy.....1,800.00

402 Resort Ministry.....76.34

403 Misc. Mission Fund.....1,552.24

500 Misc. Expenses

501 Insurance (Bldg. & Equipment).....831.00

502 Health Insurance.....9,529.62

503 Building Maintenance.....00

504 Miscellaneous Expense.....114.40

505 Convention Expense.....600.00

506 Christmas Gift, DOM.....400.00

507 Treasurer.....300.00

508 Clerk.....300.00

509 Quarterly Tax Reports.....500.00

510 Christmas Gift, Sec'y.....200.00

511 Pastors & Wives Christmas Dinner.....428.00

Total Disbursements (Oct. 1, 2004 - Sept. 30, 2005).....46,694.57

Cash on Deposit, Sept. 30, 2004.....4,066.58

Add Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 4,4015.12

Total.....$48,081.70

Less Total Disbursements.....46,694.57

Cash on Deposit - Sept. 30, 2005.....$ 1,387.13

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET – 2005 - 2006

100 KEY LEADERSHIP		
101 Sunday School	100.00	100.00
102 Baptist Men	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism	500.00	500.00
104 WMU	450.00	450.00
105 VBS	100.00	100.00
106 Youth Ministry	800.00	800.00
107 Speakers Honorarium	300.00	300.00
	2,300.00	2,300.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary	10,000.00	10,00.00
202 Social Security	1,439.00	1,439.00
203 Utilities & Housing	5,600.00	5,600.00
	17,039.00	17,039.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 DOM Expense Reimbursement	1,700.00	1,700/00
302 Office Telephone	800.00	800.00
303 Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
304 Office Equipment	1,200.00	1,200.00
305 Office Utilities	1,300.00	1,300.00
306 Newsletter Postage	800.00	800.00
307 Secretary	7,300.00	7,300.00
308 Cell Phone Expense	250.00	250.00
	14,850.00	14,850.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy	1,800.00	1,800.00
402 Resort Ministry	400.00	400.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund	800.00	800.00
	3,000.00	3,000.00
500 MISC. EXPENSES		
501 Insurance (Equip. & Building	1,000.00	1,000.00
502 Health Insurance	10,600.00	10,600.00
503 Building Maintenance	800 00	800.00
504 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00
505 Convention Expense	600.00	600.00

506 Christmas Gift.....	400.00	400.00
507 Treasurer.....	300.00	300.00
508 Clerk.....	300.00	300.00
509 Quarterly Tax Reports.....	500.00	500.00
510 Christmas Gift, Secretary.....	200.00	200.00
511 Pastors & Wives ChristmasDin	500.00	500.00
	15,400.00	15,400.00
TOTALS:	$52.589.00	$52,589.00

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES

CHURCH	CONTRIBUTIONS (Oct. 1, 2004 - Sept. 30, 2005)
Aaron	2,400.00
Beech Mountain	1,630.00
Big Meadows	.00
Chestnut Dale	500.00
Cranberry	2,033.00
Crossnore First	17,162.10
Elk Park First	.00
Fall Creek	1,320.00
Green Valley	375.00
Jonas Ridge	554.67
Long Ridge	.00
Minneapolis	1,260.00
New Life	1,397.00
Oak Grove	285.00
Pilgrim	.00
Pineola	1,200.00
Pleasant Hill	3,974.05
Pleasant Valley	690.07
Powdermill	1,200.00
Stameytown	574.25
Sugar Mountain	1,537.75
Valley Haven	1,227.00
Whites Memorial	300.00
Yellow Mountain	600.00
NC Convention	2,778.98
Other (Misc)	1,016.25

Total: $44,015.12

MEMORIALS REPORT
Oct. 2004 - Oct. 2005

BEECH MOUNTAIN: Ms. Shannon Lee Mynes

CHESTNUT DALE: Rev. Jerry Burleson

CRANBERRY : Ms. Alberta Ollis Connell

CROSSNORE: Deacon Mr. Walter :Pop" Jarvis, Mrs. Owana Clark, Mrs. Mildred Vance, Mrs. Naomi Main

ELK PARK: Mr. Mitchell Lee Adams

FALL CREEK: Ms. Pearl Harmon, Ms. Toni Anne Ragsdale

PLEASANT HILL: Mrs. Lorene Thomas, Mr. Earl Dean Thomas

PLEASANT VALLEY: Mr. Clifford Davis

POWDERMILL: Mr. Waits Wilson, Mr. Brown Buchanan, Mr. Columbus Freeman

STAMEYTOWN: Rev. Richard Hollifield

SUGAR MOUNTAIN: Mr. Robert Haga

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
2005 - 2006

AARON - Rev. Dennis Aldridge
BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Junella Church, Eddie Storey, Nanette Story
BIG MEADOWS - Rev. Wesley Duncan, Patsy Carpenter
CHESTNUT DALE - Conley Huffman
CRANBERRY - Rev. David Burnop
CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Harry Platt, LeNita Platt
ELK PARK FIRST - Rev. Clarence Laws
FALL CREEK - Rev. Jacob Willis, Cecil Crawford, Larry Artrip, Charles Ward
GREEN VALLEY -
JONAS RIDGE - Rev. Mike Rathbone, Sam Franklin, Virginia Franklin
LONG RIDGE -
NEW LIFE - Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Joan Whetstine
OAK GROVE - Rev. Ron Greene
PILGRIM -
PINEOLA - Rev. Larry Belas, Mr. & Mrs. B. W. McNeely, Linda Carpenter
PLEASANT HILL - Rev. Rodney Millsaps, Andy Taylor, Brenda Taylor, Mrs. Rodney Millsaps, Bonita Taylor
PLEASANT VALLEY - Rev. John McCoury
POWDERMILL - Rev. Harold Dellinger
STAMEYTOWN - Simon Franklin, Tommy Carpenter, Dixie Carpenter
SUGAR MOUNTAIN - Rev. Don Ford, Debbie Ford, David Banner, Barbara Banner, Dot Hartley
VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strayhan, Loretta Strahan, Joe Perry, Clara Perry, Mr. And Mrs. Bill McCurdy
WHITES MEMORIAL - Polly Dellenger, Ivor Dellinger,
YELLOW MOUNTAIN

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2005 - 2006

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94th ANNUAL SESSION
PINEOLA BAPTIST CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006

The annual meeting of the Avery Southern Baptist Association was called to order, at 3:30 pm, by Rev. David Burnop, Moderator. The congregation was led in a hymn by Harry Platt accompanied
by Sandra Taylor, pianist. Rev. Larry Belas, pastor of Pineola Baptist Church, welcomed everyone and led in prayer.

The adoption of the program as written, was done by motion by Rev. Rodney Millsaps, seconded by Joe Perry, and was carried. Hazel Franklin, Clerk, made the Roll Call of Churches, with 14 churches represented by approximately 48 messengers. Under miscellaneous business, there were no new pastors introduced at this time. The Moderator brought before the congregation, the adoption of the changes to the associational constitution, as presented by Dennis Aldridge at the semi-annual meeting the past April. Motion was made to accept the changed constitution as printed, and motion was accepted and carried. A motion was made to change the annual meeting to Monday nights in October. This was seconded and carried.. The congregation then enjoyed special music in song, presented by Janet Millsaps.

The Director of Missions, Rev. Daniel Whetstine, gave his report, alluding to his written report in the Book of Reports. Following this, the congregation was led in another hymn.

Under miscellaneous reports, The Treasurer's report, and the Budget & Finance Committee's report were presented by LeNita Platt. Rev. Dennis Church then gave the Nominating Committee's report, and all were approved as printed. Church Memorials were then read by Hazel Franklin, Clerk.

Rev. Lewis G. Smith, North Carolina Children's Homes' Director of Development, Western Area,

gave an interesting and informative talk on the Children's Homes, followed by a video showing places and children he has encountered

Special music was presented by Harry Platt, which was followed by Rev. David Burnop delivering a very encouraging annual sermon. Rev. Russel Hoilman dismissed the assembly with a prayer and blessings for a delightful meal and fellowship.

EVENING SESSION;

The evening session was called to order, and Rev. John McCurry led in prayer. Under miscellaneous business and election of officers the first order of business was to name three messengers to the Nominating Committee to serve for the coming year. Those selected were Lynda Carpenter, Cecil Crawford and Harry Platt, under a motion by Rev. Jacob Willis, and 2nd by Rev. Rodney Millsaps. The Resolutions Committee issued a statement to Pineola Baptist Church, thanking them for their generous hospitality and wonderful meal.

In a roll call of churches, Hazel Franklin stated 45 messengers were present, representing 12 churches

The new WMU President, Mrs. David Burnop (Donna) was recognized by the Moderator, who related she was honored to serve the Lord in this position. She stated she has a WMU Retreat scheduled for November 11-12.

Rev. Russel Hoilman, Chaplain, gave a report on the Blue Ridge Prison Ministry. Following this an offering was taken to aid in this ministry, with $332.00 received.

Rev. Whetstine introduced the "special music" for the evening. Namely, "Four Preachers", who blessed everyone's hearts with their songs and testimonies.

The Challenge Message was delivered by Rev. Phil

Murdock, using scripture from John 2:1-5.
The congregation was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Daniel Whitstine.

Respectfully Submitted
Hazel Franklin

Statistical Tables

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member
Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Aaron	98	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Beech Mt.	191	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Cranberry	50	0	5	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Crossnore	526	482	7	0	1	0	5	0	1	0	5	0
Elk Park	95	65	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0
Fall Creek	164	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Green Valley	41	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	212	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	315	313	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	16	7
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	74	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Pleasant Hill	284	248	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	5	0
PleasantVal.	50	50	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	100	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	10	0
Stameytown	52	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	51	0	0	1	8	0	6	3	5	14	0	0
Valley Haven	35	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	113	50	4	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	2542	1767	33	1	15	4	14	5	16	15	50	22

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Interc. Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Ass. Miss. On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Aaron	1849	2001	B	79	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Beech Mt.	1869	1996	A	38	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Big Meadows	1845	0	A	85	0	0	0	Y	0
Chestnut Dale	1903	0	A	0	0	0	N	N	N
Cranberry	1907	1997	A	70	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	1886	1983	C	300	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Elk Park	1897	1993	C	32	0	0	N	N	Y
Fall Creek	1886	2003	A	55	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Green Valley	1897	0	A	0	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Jonas Ridge	1887	2003	A	77	0	0	Y	Y	Y

Long Ridge	1945	0	0	0	0	0	N	N	N
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	N	N	N
New Life	2003	2003	C	28	0	0	0	N	N
Oak Grove	1900	1999	C	165	0	0	Y	N	Y
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	1913	2004	B	50	0	0	0	Y	0
Pleasant Hill	1903	2000	A	118	0	0	N	Y	N
PleasantVal.	1893	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Powdermill	1914	1991	A	80	0	2	Y	Y	Y
Stameytown	1947	2001	A	25	0	0	N	Y	N
Sugar Mtn.	1950	2002	A	45	0	0	N	N	Y
Valley Haven	1948	1995	C	24	0	0	0	Y	0
Whites Mem	1949	0	A	40	0	0	N	N	N
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals				1311	0	2			

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15b-(6-11) 15d-(18-24) 15f-(35-54) 15h-(65-up) 15j-Other Bible Study 17-SS Not Member
15a-(Birth-5) 15c-(12-17) 15e-(25-34) 15g-(55-64) 15i-Gen. Officers 16-Avg Wkly SS Att 18-VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Aaron	70	3	5	0	5	5	20	25	25	2	20	45	0	25
Beech Mt.	86	6	12	6	5	0	23	8	16	11	0	38	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	50	1	6	2	2	5	12	12	10	6	0	28	5	35
Cranberry	73	4	8	12	5	9	12	15	8	0	0	53	0	75
Crossnore	360	29	30	62	12	45	77	76	27	2	0	228	0	163
Elk Park	45	3	4	2	9	7	4	6	8	2	0	30	1	45
Fall Creek	80	7	6	4	1	10	16	20	18	8	40	56	6	36
Green Valley	23	0	1	1	0	1	7	6	7	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	75	5	5	4	3	6	14	7	8	0	25	77	10	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	148	15	23	29	10	32	10	6	21	2	0	92	0	146
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	50
Pleasant Hill	155	18	17	9	10	19	26	30	23	3	0	95	77	122
Pleasant Valley	0	3	2	4	5	0	10	10	0	0	0	34	0	74
Powdermill	78	3	4	9	8	12	19	14	9	0	0	80	4	65
Stameytown	32	0	0	5	0	0	3	3	14	2	0	24	1	0
Sugar Mtn.	51	1	8	6	0	5	17	7	7	10	0	23	0	41
Valley Haven	26	0	0	2	0	0	3	10	6	5	0	24	4	0
Whites Mem.	40	2	3	6	2	4	4	6	4	9	0	31	12	90
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc.Totals:	1432	100	134	163	77	160	277	261	211	62	85	998	120	967

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	15

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	111	7	21	20	62	1	6	0	0	0	6
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	55	4	6	7	30	2	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	10	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	27	0	5	3	19	2	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	17	2	10	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	220	13	42	40	111	11	21	0	0	0	21

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up)
21a-(3-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Aaron	19	0	0	19	0	0
Beech Mt.	15	0	2	3	10	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	30	0	15	0	15	0
Crossnore	145	10	18	45	50	22
Elk Pa rk	10	0	0	0	0	10
Fall Creek	40	3	4	2	31	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	34	0	0	0	0	34

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	71	4	14	15	29	9
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	63	10	10	8	35	4
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	26	0	2	3	21	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	4	0	0	0	4	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	20	0	4	2	14	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	477	27	69	97	209	79

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b-(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 24d-Miss. Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up) 25-Other

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Aaron	26	0	0	0	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	20	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	106	13	10	8	68	7	53	10	13	30	0	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	33	1	4	0	23	5	7	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	37	10	5	8	10	4	20	12	7	1	0	0
PleasantVal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	237	24	19	16	142	20	107	22	20	37	0	0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Aaron	79,249	20,236	0	2,734	2,200	0	518	946	3,000	10,748
Beech Mt	37,543	180	119	0	2,985	0	0	1,000	702	1,180
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	48,949	0	0	2,500	500	0	0	500	18,100	3,500
Cranberry	30,129	10,000	0	0	1,933	743	250	244	763	1,112
Crossnore	422,025	100,975	5,677	93,079	17,162	0	4,172	5,517	5,496	500
Elk Park	15,122	2,363	31	607	0	0	0	110	313	1,915
Fall Creek	66,594	7,566	0	1,260	1,920	225	2,274	2,186	814	9,941
Green Valley	27,497	2,205	0	0	300	663	580	962	0	5,867
Jonas Ridge	46,000	0	0	2,407	151	0	151	300	360	1,852

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	38,911	1,915	0	1,320	1,320	1,650	1,000	887	0	1,234
Oak Grove	159,175	71,595	4,102	6,000	100	0	3,000	2,965	0	15,585
Pineola	61,000	0	0	9,200	1,200	885	504	2,200	0	0
Pleasant Hill	135,553	7,377	0	0	4,158	1,386	6,074	22,173	3,405	9,375
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	51,238	27,000	0	0	1,200	600	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	23,013	0	0	464	732	270	320	320	348	0
Sugar Mtn.	50,923	8,598	0	300	1,378	0	500	500	400	6,798
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	27,314	4,343	0	0	300	0	0	913	913	1,451
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals:	1320,235	264,353	9,924	119,871	37,539	6,422	21,617	41,723	34,614	71,058

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CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
OF THE
AVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Also referred to as the Association, Avery Association or ABA

PURPOSE

1.) The association will provide an organization in which affiliated churches may voluntarily cooperate as we work together for the Lord
2.) The association will engage in efforts that draw upon the unified strength of the cooperating churches, allowins us to accomplish tasks that could not be done by individual churches.
3.) The association will encourage, assist, and train the affiliated churches but will not exert authority on the churches. Each church is independent regarding leadership, worship style, and curch polity.

MEMBERSHIP

1.) Membership shall consist of those churches which have petitioned for membership, been accepted by an appropriate vote of the association, and maintain fellowship according to these by-laws:

A.) The faith and practice of member churches will agree with accepted articles of faith that are common in our association and the Southern Baptist Convention.

B.) The churches will provide a letter of report to the annual association meeting.

C.) The churches will assist in the work of the association through financial support as each church is able. A goal of 3% of church receipts is suggested as a minimal contribution level for the association. Each church should prayerfully support the association and should encourage member churches in their ministry/

D.) Each church having 100 members or less shall be entitled to 3 messengers to the annual meeting, with an additional messenger for every 50 members over 100. The pastor of each church may also serve as a messenger.

E.) The association is the sole judge of its membership and may receive or reject churches according to its by-laws. Member churches may also withdraw if they desire by providing written notice to the association office.

F.) The Membership Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and 3 others elected annually. This committee will examine requests from any church desiring membership.

G.) Associational meetings will be held semi-annually in spring and fall, and the meetings will be held at member churches as they choose to act as host church. The Moderator will preside at these meetings and Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

OFFICERS & DUTIES

All officers shall be members of the affiliated churches and elected by the majority vote of the association. The officers shall be:

1.) Moderator: The moderator shall preside at all meetings, is an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall not serve longer than 2 consecutive years.

2.) Vice-Moderator: The person will assist the moderator and preside at meetings in the absence of the moderator. The person will also serve as chairman of the program committee.

3.) Clerk: This person will maintain records of the proceedings of the association and shall assist in publishing the minutes and other important documents of the association.

4.) Assistant Clerk: The person will assist the clerk in all tasks and shall serve as clerk in the clerk's absence.

5.) Treasurer: This person will maintain all financial records, provide financial reports as needed, and serve with the finance committee.

6.) Assistant Treasurer: Should assist the treasurer and shall serve in that office should the treasurer be absent or unable to perform the duties.

COMMITTEES

All members of standing committees will be on a rotating basis unless an exception is noted in the committee description.

1.) The Membership Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and three other members chosen from member churches. The purpose will be to consider questions of membership in the association.

2.) The Finance Committee will consist of six members, with the Treasurer and two pastors currently serving churches in the association included on the committee. The remaining members will be recommended by the nominating committee with no church having more than one representative and each member serving a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years. The purpose shall be to recommend the annual associational budget and assist in other financial matters as needed.

3.) The Nominating Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and three others who are not serving in an elected associational position at the time they are placed on the committee. The duties are to contact and recommend candidates for all general officers, department heads, and committees. The committee will also fill and vacancies that may arise within the year.

4.) The Program and Place Committee will consist of the Vice-Moderator and two others recommended by the nominating committee. The purpose shall be to determine the location for both spring and fall general sessions and determine the agenda and speakers for all sessions.

5.) The Trustee Committee will consist of three persons who shall have the responsibility of caring for deeds for associational property and signing notes, mortgages, and other legal documents on behalf of the association.

6.) The Properties Committee will have three members who will direct the maintenance and repair of all physical property of the association.

7.) The Resolutions Committee will have two members who shall present to the association sessions the resolutions that have been referred to them or that they determine to be appropriate

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the messengers present at the general session provided the amendment has been presented in writing at the previous general session

North Carolina Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management

During 2005, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 12 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.8 million and received $7.1 million in contributions to existing endowments an of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote "Make Your Will Month", Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $1.5 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall,

the Foundation received $10.6 million in contributions during 2005 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2005, the Foundation held $136.1 million under management.

During 2005, our distributions totaled $7.8 million, with charity receiving $5.7 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.1 million. During the 85-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $29.1 million has been distributed to individuals and $53.3 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $82.4 million.

Nancy V. Hunter, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Wart, Executive Director

Council on Christian Higher Education

"Appreciate the Past, Celebrate the Present, Anticipate the Future"

Across the years Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, and Wingate Universities and Mars Hill College have emphasized that all Christians are called to ministry whatever their vocation. Each of the schools has in the past and continues to assist students in understanding how they can live out their calling and faith in the world.

Each of the schools also places a high priority on educating

persons for vocational ministry and missions. In 2005 there were 495 Ministerial Students in our North Carolina Baptist universities and college.

Thanks to your support for Christian Higher Education the Baptist State Convention provided financial aid to 551 North Carolina Baptist students in the amount of $1,176,551 in 2005. These students received an average of$2,135.

Without your assistance many of these deserving students would not have been able to attend a Baptist college or university. Thank you Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate for providing education with a Christian mission. And thank you Baptist churches for supporting North Carolina Baptist students. Together you are honoring your heritage as you impact the world for good and for God.

Jesse J. Croom, President
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Cooperative Program

Miraculously, Cooperative Program Missions Giving translates dollars and cents into salvation, caring, compassion, healing, Bible studies, new churches, people prepared to minister and serve. In other words, churches partnering with God in His Kingdom business!

Here are some examples of what North Carolina Baptists are doing these days through missions giving:

- start some 75 new churches a year.
- reach foreign-born immigrants for Christ and start new churches among language/ethnic groups who have a growing presence across the state. Baptist workers have started some 400

congregations among Chinese, Haitians, Iranians, Koreans and others. There are now 111 Baptist congregations of deaf people in North Carolina.

• train thousands of NC Baptists in witnessing and evangelism each year.

• care for more than 2,000 children through Baptist Children's Homes of NC

• help scores of adult NC Baptists get the education needed to become ministers able to serve churches.

• minister to college students on 18 college/university campuses and help hundreds of NC Baptist students get a university education.

• care for some 700 senior adults in five facilities across the state, providing more free care to needy seniors than any other church-related facility.

• provide healing and comfort to thousands of people through NC Baptist Hospital's pastoral ministry.

• help thousands of NC Baptists either come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ or learn how to serve Him, through several camp and conference center programs.

Baptists set up their unified giving plan so they could partner with God in reaching a lost world for Him. Quite simply, Cooperative Program Missions Giving enables North Carolina Baptists to have Acts 1:8 churches.

You and your church help miracles happen every day through this simple giving program. Ask your church to consider raising its Cooperative Program Missions Giving by just one percent. If enough North Carolina Baptist churches do that, it will mean millions of dollars for ministry and outreach - and will result in more lives changed for God.

This giving process is congregation-controlled. It's nothing imposed by outsiders or administrators. North Carolina Baptist churches set their own budgets, including what percentage of those

budgets will be forwarded for missions to the Baptist State Convention office in Cary month by month.

Four basic giving plans and other options give congregations vital choices in Cooperative Program Missions Giving. The budget recommended for 2005 was $35,675,000.

International Mission Board

Last year, IMB personnel and their Baptist partners engaged 137 people groups with the Gospel for the first time – with a combined population of 121 million. A "people group" consists of people who share a common language and customs. IMB personnel shared God's Word among 1,193 total people groups. All 11 administrative regions reported work among unreached people groups – those with less than 2 percent evangelical believers.

In Cuba alone, Southern Baptists and their partners reported more than 5,000 house churches and prayer houses. In all, Southern Baptists reported 17,676 new churches overseas (108,713 total churches).

The Northern Africa and Middle East administrative region reported a 52 percent increase in baptisms over the previous year (459,725 baptisms).

Itinerant "home missionaries" in Burkina Faso are going into villages leading discipleship training and forming cell groups (970,924 church members in Discipleship Training).

Outreach groups are established with the intent to win the lost to Christ and develop the groups into churches. The Northern Africa and Middle East region reported over 2,200 outreach groups (a total of 50,637 outreach groups).

"God is raising up local believers whose changed lives have a significant spiritual impact on their relatives and friends," reported

one Christian worker in Central Asia (a total of 7,337,135 total church membership).

Training includes a theological education by extension, correspondence courses, short-term residential and other on-the-job training programs. In Thailand, 1,550 prisoners participated in a Bible-training course (128,010 in Nonresidential Leadership Training).

In the Central Asia administrative region, second-generation churches are doing discipleship training, many in rural house-church networks (477,670 new believers in Discipleship Training).

German Russians comprised 66.7 percent of the people in the Western Europe administrative region involved in residential leadership training (21,899 participated in Residential Leadership Training).

This report relays information that International Mission Board personnel and their Baptist partners overseas have witnessed. Southern Baptists can rejoice in the ways God continues to expand His Kingdom!

Most Southern Baptist churches participate in international missions primarily through giving financial support to the Cooperative Program, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.. Missionaries world-wide rely on faithful gifts and prayers of supporting churches to continue missions work.

Progress in fulfilling the Great Commission in not measured by what we do one year compared with previous years. It is whether we are pushing back the edge of lostness and making the Gospel accessible to every tribe, people, tongue and nation.

State Missions

When people are hurting and in need you respond. But what compels someone to leave the comfort of a warm and secure home and go into a prison environment where the outcasts of society live, and minister to them and their families? Why would you go to the uttermost parts of the earth to provide clean drinking water and homes for people who persecute Christians, but who have lost everything? Could it be that the love of Jesus Christ is the motivation that brings you...and other North Carolina Baptists together for a common mission? Because you know the love of Jesus...you respond...because you care.

The North Carolina Missions Offering meets needs, plants churches and reaches people for Christ. Here are some examples:
Local church: The North Carolina Missions Offering assists new church starts such as La Communidad Internacional Fellowship in Western North Carolina. The new work has members from 14 different Spanish-speaking nations.
Associations: The two Medical/Dental buses are supported through the offering. Last year, medical and dental volunteers, working with associations, treated 4,000 patients.
State: Benny Langston, a Baptist Men's disaster relief worker, used his heavy equipment to lift huge trees from people's homes following Hurricane Isabel. Dorothy Gaston, a former drug addict and prison inmate, is now a Woman's Missionary Union volunteer at a special retreat for inmates at Camp Mundo Vista.
National: Volunteers from North Carolina Baptist churches are helping build a larger, new facility for the Graffiti Center in New York City. This work was made possible by partnership agreements. More than 4,000 North Carolina volunteers have served in Alaska and helped advance the work there.
International: Partnerships in Armenia, Malaysia, Honduras and Cuba combined with special projects around the world, are

involving thousands of North Carolina volunteers each year.
Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina: Ministries include training events such as Missions Extravaganza; restorative justice such as Camp Angel Tree and Women's Prison Retreat; Baptist Nursing Fellowship; Christian Women's Job Corps; Operation Christmas Child; missionaries and their families; mentoring; minister's wives; camp; national and international partnerships.
North Carolina Baptist Men: Ministries include training events such as the NC Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention; Medica/Dental Bus; Baptist Healthcare Fellowship; disaster relief; Baptist Builders; Family Foundations; camp; agricultural; aviation; sports; lay Renewal; Lay Revival; Baptist Educators; prayer support; resort and leisure; correctional, including Camp Angel Tree; national and international missions partnerships.

Scripture teaches us that faith without works is dead. The North Carolina Missions Offering provides a way to put life into your faith. Through this special offering you're given the opportunity to participate in numerous mission experiences such as the prison ministries and mission education of Woman's Missionary Union, disaster relief ministries of North Carolina Baptist Men, church planting and language ministries, ministries for people with special needs, partnerships with associations, camps and chaplaincy ministries. These are all part of the life changing efforts made possible...because you care.

It's no secret... the word is out...North Carolina Baptists are a missions people with a caring spirit. Truly, North Carolina is the State of Our Mission.

2006 Associational Emphasis

"Change Your World...Resourcing Church Vision"

"Changing Your World...Resourcing Church Vision" is more than just a nice sounding phrase.

Each of us has been given the challenge and the mandate to "Answer His Call...Tell His Story...and Change our World."

God has chosen to use us, the Bride of Christ, to be on the front lines of service and to see lives that are changed for eternity, broken hearts that are mended, and relationships that were once strained being restored.

Your local Southern Baptist Association is positioned in one of the most strategic and crucial places where it can resource churches that are focused on their mission and seeking to carry out their unique God-given vision in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The local Association find itself in a position of honor as it affirms the primacy of the church and assists the church as it shares the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ. Associations around the country from every location, context, and culture are resourcing the vision of their churches.

GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention

During the past year significant strides have been made to provide the very best service to employees of our churches and agencies who are active participants in the retirement plan, jointly administered by GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, and the Baptist Convention of NC, Inc., and to those who have purchased insurance products from GuideStone. Through a contractual

agreement with Morningstar Associates, LLC, a registered investment advisor, retirement participants now have access online to a leading innovator in offering retirement advice. Specifically, Morningstar Retirement Manager offers objective, expert recommendations and resources to help participants make clear decisions about their retirement plans. Never before have we been able to offer this incredible service at no cost to our retirement participants.

In the life and health areas enhancements continue to be made to provide additional flexibility in plan options, deductibles and competitive rates. Taking advantage of significant discounts through Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, medical plan rates have been stabilized. While over 40% of personal plan participants received a decrease in rates in 2005, over 57% of personal plan medical participants received a decrease in rates for 2006. Additionally, the two Medicare supplement plans offered to retirees also received rate decreases in 2006. The 31 day open enrollment period for new students in our divinity schools, Bible institute, and seminary continues to be an attractive option for that target group.

During the past year the importance of the protection benefits (disability and survivor), which come free to those who are active participants in the Church Retirement Plan and who are serving an eligible church, was magnified with 100 participants receiving disability protection benefits and 40 families receiving survivor benefits because of that many deaths among our church employees. One widow, whose pastor/husband in his early 50's suffered a stroke and died within ten days, received a survivor benefit check in the amount of $50,000 in addition to the money in his retirement account. The survivor check of $50,000 came quickly (also tax free) and proved to be a "life saver" to this widow. As in previous years, the great challenge is to educate our church employees and key lay leaders in our churches about these great benefits provided at no cost to those church employees who meet the eligibility requirements.

Furthermore, we gladly cooperate with the Endowment ministry at GuideStone to provide ongoing and one-time financial assistance to retired ministers and widows of ministers who are living in poverty. As of June 30, we have 222 North Carolinians, who have met the very strict guidelines, receiving financial assistance from GuideStone Financial Resources. Unfortunately, others could be assisted if we only knew who they were.

In conclusion, it is our strong desire to increase the level of retirement participation and to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at www.northcarolinabaptists.org, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Johnny E. Ross
GuideStone State Representative

Biblical Recorder

The *Biblical Recorder* is now in its 173rd year of service to Baptists in North Carolina, a ministry that now extends around the world. The *Recorder's* mission is "to further Christ's kingdom among North Carolina Baptists by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources in a timely and accessible fashion."

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Prison Ministry

May I take this time to say thank you for placing your confidence in me as your new chaplain at Mountain View Correctional Institution. I began this ministry on March 1st. Since that time we have seen 79 souls saved and 106 rededications. We were honored to baptize 18 inmates in June of this year.

The "Forgiven Ministries" with Scottie Barnes came again in March and showed a Christian film along with several men on the team witnessing to the inmates, and the ministry provided some much needed cosmetics for all the prisoners. There were over 500 inmates who attended the service and 51 of them professed Christ as Savior.

In May the "Forgiven Ministries" team came and brought the children of our inmates to spend the day with their fathers. Several volunteers from around the community helped with this ministry.

Also in April, the Liberty Hill Baptist Church brought supper for about 125 inmates and the Redeemed Drama Team that are inmates (about 15 - 20) put on the Passion of Christ play and the pastor of Liberty Hill Church, Reverend David Philbeck spoke to the congregation and gave an invitation where 4 inmates were saved.

Also, the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Team conducted a three-day revival. There were 276 men in attendance and 6 inmates were saved.

In July, "Truth in Love Ministries" with Donnie Burns conducted three days of special services. There were 239 men in attendance and several men rededicated their lives to Christ.

I also want to say that several volunteers from the community have helped us a lot and I really appreciate them very much.

Again, may I say thank you for your continued support and a special thank you to those who have recently started supporting us. May God bless you.

A Chaplain

By Tennessee

Last year I wrote about what a Chaplain was to me, and yes, this year he's the same as he was to me last year. You see, to some of us, when we have hard times and it seems like no one cares, there's always a Chaplain that does. You see, the year has been real hard for me again, without a Chaplain I most likely would not be here today to write this because on June 21st they found my baby girl dead, and I could not handle that alone. So Chap helped me with the pain, I never had a Dad to cry to, I never had a true friend to call on, but God has blessed me with someone that would pray with me, talk. with me, and even cry with me. And that someone is the Chaplain here at Mountain View.

It's sad that some of us have to come to a place like this to really find what is missing in a lot of our lives. You may ask yourself what is he talking about? Well, like I said, I never really had a father to tell me how he loves me or to cry with me, but since I've been here, I've truly found a what I have been missing all these years - a Chaplain to me is a true father figure.

Thanks to the good people on the outside that works it out so we in prison could have a chaplain who truly cares about people like myself,

If it hadn't been for a chaplain I would still be looking for that father figure. And thanks so much to everyone that makes it possible for prisoners to have a true Man of God as a Chaplain and a father.

Baptist Hospital

Since 1923, when the first patient was admitted to Baptist Hospital, our mission has been to extend the healing ministry of Christ. We are strongly committed to excellence in caring for our patients. Every day for every patient, we seek to combine the latest science of modern medicine with the art of human compassion in the name of Christ's love. Our mission, consistent with our Baptist heritage, is a sacred privilege: "to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God."

- We continue to be ranked among the top 50 hospitals in America by *U.S. News and World Report*
- Our Comprehensive Cancer Center is ranked among the top centers in the nation for cancer care.
- Our Heart Center is designated a Cardiac Center of Excellence by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina
- Our neurosurgeons are among the nation's leaders in developing treatments for diseases affecting the brain and spine.
- Our Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care Units provide the highest level of specialized care.
- We are in the top 2 percent in patient satisfaction among our peers in the United States.

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

We are privileged to be partners in ministry with North Carolina Baptists. Through the support of cooperative giving, we are able to provide compassionate and life-changing ministry to thousands of hurting people every year. We are grateful to be on mission for N.C. Baptists, fulfilling our purpose – "to provide ministries of

growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ." All of our ministries find their focus and heart in this mission.

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers extend the mission of churches through pastoral counseling ministries to people whose lives have been shattered by emotional pain.

- 25,000 client visits will be made in 2006, with ministers being the largest referral source.
- Our statewide network of 20 CareNet centers across North Carolina is among the largest in the nation.
- Thanks to N.C. Baptists, no one is turned away for lack of resources.
- *"We could never say thank you enough to CareNet for helping our hurting daughter find healing from the darkness of depression."* – N.C. Baptist pastor

The Center for Congregational Health is strengthening the ministry of churches through highly skilled, Christ-centered consultation services and leadership development programs.

- Consultants help nearly 25 churches per month with strategic planning, team development and reconciliation ministries.
- 400 ministers and church leaders per year receive expert leadership training.
- Interim ministry has been provided to over 1,800 clergy, with 82% of churches reporting improved spiritual health after their service.
- *"Our church has a greater sense of hope, direction and confidence thanks to our interim minister from the Center for Congregational Health."*

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education Department is providing compassionate ministry to our patients, families and staff and life-changing training for clergy.

- 56,396 ministry contacts were made in FY 2005, and increase of

13%.

• 42 ministers and seminary students completed our Clinical Pastoral Education training programs in 2005, one of the largest accredited centers in America.

• Our chaplains will lead 260 worship services at the Medical Center in 2006.

• *"The training at Baptist Hospital put life back into my faith."* - Baptist minister

Thanks to the compassion and generosity of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering reached a record high of $664,744 in 2005! Every dollar of every gift lifts the anxious burden of hospital bills for our patients in serious financial need. Having no where to turn for help, Christ reaches out to them through you. Their lives are changed by the power of gratitude.

"I've could never say thank you enough for the help of the Mother's Day Offering. I've faced some hard times and was so worried about my hospital bill. This gift blessed me so much and strengthened my walk with Christ."

"I was so overwhelmed by this gift that I couldn't help but cry tears of joy. I never thought I'd be in a situation like this, needing help and not knowing where to turn. I praise God for people who reach out to help. Please thank them with all my heart."

"The Minister's Subsidy was a tremendous blessing to our family." North Carolina Baptist ministers and their families benefit from a subsidy of up to 25% on hospital bills for care they receive at Baptist Hospital. The subsidy is provided by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund with help from the Mother's Day Offering as needed. A total of $76,875 was provided in FY 2006.

Serving our patients and their families, providing them with medical expertise marked by excellence and compassion, is a sacred

trust. We are committed to being the best among the best of health care providers. We are sincerely grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in this mission of Christ's healing love.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President

Baptist Children's Homes

Many Voices, One Story...North Carolina Baptists attending the Baptist State Convention Tuesday evening, November 15, 2005, sat as the lights in the Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem dimmed. Messengers and guests arrived anticipating the night's report from Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). Every five years, the Institution presents a 30-minute expanded report, which any people view as the highlight of the convention.

The crowd present this night leaned forward as the first child stepped to the microphone to tell her story. Children and residents representing BCH's four campuses, wilderness camping program, group homes and developmental disabilities ministry filled the stage area. The 2005 meeting was BCH's opportunity to share the ministry through children's testimonies and songs while highlighting the Institution's 120th anniversary.

BCH president Michael C. Blackwell enthusiastically addressed the group declaring, "We are uniquely, proudly, passionately, and incurably a part of the North Carolina Baptist family."

To close the presentation, Broyhill Home resident Jennifer and developmental disabilities resident Marcie sang "Jesus Loves Me."

"These are God's miracle children...," Blackwell said. "I want you to see in those eyes the eyes of our God who loves children."

But the true pinnacle of the evening for one special child

occurred away from the eyes of messengers.

"We were all saying goodbye when I looked down and saw Jennifer crying," said Lou Arnsdorff, Jennifer's child care worker. (Jennifer had just sung on stage.)

A tearful Jennifer told Arnsdorff, "I just want to ask Jesus into my heart." In a crowded hallway outside the auditorium, Jennifer accepted Christ as her Savior.

Show you love...This year's Baptist Children's Homes' offering theme, "Show You Love," represents the pivotal role individuals and churches play in the lives of hurting children.

North Carolina Baptists show their love through their prayer and financial support. It is only through this commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide offering goal is $1,375,000. This represents a $25,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2006 Offering Campaign.

Biography Unveiled...The biography of BCH president Michael C. Blackwell was published and officially unveiled to the public in April. *Just Call Me Mickey: From Mill Village to Mills Home, The Journey of Michael C. Blackwell* was written by the late Wint Capel, former editor of the *Thomasville Times*. The book chronicles Blackwell's life from his humble beginnings as a boy living in the mill village town of Gastonia to becoming president of one of the largest private children's homes in the southeast United States.

New PMG members named...Baptist Children's Homes president Michael C. Blackwell announced several key administrative appointments in June. Nancy McNeill was named BCH's Executive Vice President (EVP) of Operations overseeing the statewide Institution's day-to-day operations. Jim Edminson was appointed

as BCH's Institutional Director for Communications directing the agency's statewide communications. Shane Nixon has been named BCH's Institutional Director of Information Services directing BCH's technology services and broadening his role of service. McNeill, Edminson, and Nixon will serve on Blackwell's President's Management Group (PMG).

Former resident, BCH child care worker, and administrative office manager Jennifer Shore was appointed Executive Assistant to the President and longtime staff member Ron Richardson was named Manager, Institutional Support Services.

Dedicated to the Glory of God...Baptist Children's Homes set its sights towards the future expanding its services to children and families.

• The Alverta Bolick Home in Asheville was dedicated in May. The facility is home to developmentally disabled adults in the Asheville area.

• The campaign to build two similar facilities for special needs adults in the Sanford community began in August 2005.

• A state-of-the-art education center in Kinston was dedicated in July. The new Reverend Kenneth E. Haigler & William "Bill" Overcash Education Center offers an on-campus school to residents at BCH's Kennedy Home.

• The Winifred Lindsay and Three Forks Homes for developmentally disabled adults were dedicated August 27 in Boone.

• Groundbreaking for DDM homes in Sanford and Asheboro will take place September 10 and October 14 respectively.

North American Mission Board

In the midst of significant challenges this year, the North American Mission Board has continued strong, productive mission partnerships with state Baptist conventions, associations and local SBC churches, to commission more missionaries, start more churches, and reach more people for Christ. Pray for Dr. Roy Fish as NAMB's Interim President and for the Presidential Search Committee as they seek God's man to lead the mission board. Following are a few highlights of what record gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Cooperative Program accomplished last year.

Sharing Christ

- 141 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through NAMB. The total chaplain count is 2,523, and more than 12,075 people came to Christ through their faithful sharing of the gospel in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare facilities.
- The Evangelism Response Center makes it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches. There were 20,905 calls received and 251 people made salvation decisions during the calls, while 1544 referrals were made to SBC churches.
- 2006's CrossOver Greensboro, held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, resulted in volunteers leading to more than 800 professions of faith.
- Domestic Hunger Funds totaling over $1.6 million were distributed to the states last year. More than 5 million meals have been served using hunger funds with more than 2,000 hunger ministries reporting more than 32,000 professions of faith.

Starting Churches

• Southern Baptists established 1,725 new congregations last year, 48% of which were ethnic and African-American congregations

• The Nehemiah Project, which has established seven church planting centers on Southern Baptist seminary campuses, trained and helped place 615 long term church planters. There are 989 people serving as short-term interns preparing for church planting roles.

• Canadian leadership set a prayer goal of establishing 1,000 healthy, reproducing churches by 2020. Partnerships were established with several SBC mega-churches to plant flagship churches in Canada.

Mobilizing Missionaries and Volunteers in Missions

• NAMB's missionary count reached 5,364 by the end of last year. Of this number, 2,942 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 2,422 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries

• 1,715 high school and college students answered God's call to summer, sojourner, or semester missions. Semester missionaries made 11,815 gospel presentations resulting in 1,016 professions of faith and 701 rededications.

• An estimated 194,872 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects through NAMB during the year.

• Last year Southern Baptist trained disaster relief volunteers contributed more than 165,700 volunteer days in 166 responses. Volunteers from 41 state conventions prepared 17.1 million meals, repaired 7,245 buildings, cleaned 13,986 yards of storm debris, provided 155,967 showers and 28,253 loads of laundry and purified 68,846 gallons of water while training an additional 25,360 new volunteers.

• World Changers summer mission opportunities saw more than 25,730 participants in 93 projects. More than 11,745 presentations

of the gospel were made and 1,270 professions of faith.

• New Hope New York (NHNY) continued implementation of a three year plan to reach the Greater New York area for Christ. Cleveland Hope began implementing plans to help SBC churches reach Northern Ohio for Christ. And Baltimore, MD was announced as the next Strategic Focus City.

Director of Missions

As I reflect back on the past thirteen years, I get a real sense of how great our God really is. I have seen the blessings of God as our association has grown in every aspect of ministry. I have seen God's hand at work in the harmony and Christian brotherhood that exists between our pastors and churches. I have seen first hand the commitment that each church has for missions, both at home and abroad.

Jesus said, "How can two walk together except they be agreed." This past year has been a good example of just that. This past year also has been one of the most productive years that I can remember. In November we had a food drive for the victims of hurricane Katrina. This association, in conjunction with Mitchell, collected two and one-half tons of food and $16,000 in monetary donations. In January we also participated in a disaster recovery project in Gulfport, Mississippi. Seventeen people were involved in this project of repairing a home damaged by the hurricane. Two precious souls were saved on this trip.

In April, we had an Associational Sunday School Conference with the theme being "How To Lead A Child To Christ." Rev. Lewis Smith of the N.C. Baptist Children's Homes led in this conference. Although the attendance was not what we had hoped

for, the conference was tremendous. We also had a special food drive for the Baptist Children's Homes of N.C. Once again the churches of Avery Association came through in a miraculous way.

The two highlights of the year have to be the Youth Rally in May and the Prophecy Conference in July. The May Youth Rally was a joint effort of our association and many of the local churches with Aaron Baptist Church leading the way. We extend a special "Thank You" to Rev. Dennis Aldridge for the efforts that he put forth to ensure the success of this project. We had "Team Delta Force," a group of professional athletes who perform amazing feats of strength. These men presented the gospel to an average of 700 young people each night. One hundred and twenty people gave their hearts to Christ during those three nights. Our Prophecy Conference in July was also a tremendous success. Dr. Jimmy DeYoung spoke to our hearts on "End-Time Prophecy" for three nights. Twenty-five people were gloriously saved in these services.

The past year has been busy but wonderful. We were able to see 152 people come to know Christ through these associational ministries this year. This is truly what associational ministry is all about. We must never forget to praise the Lord for what He has done and continues to do. May God richly bless each one of you as you minister where you are.

Submitted in His Name,
Daniel Whetstine

95th ANNUAL SESSION
PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006

The annual meeting of the Avery Baptist Associaion, was called

to order, at 3:30 pm, by Rev. David Burnop, Moderator. Harry Platt then led the congregation in a hymn, accompanied by Sandra Taylor, pianist. Mr. Andy Taylor then welcomed everyone and led in prayer. He then presented a history of Pleasant Hill Church. Rev. Jacob Willis moved to adopt the program with a motion by Cecil Crawford, and second by Ed Story.

Mrs. Hazel Franklin, Association Clerk, made a roll call of churches, and stated that nine churches were represented, and 38 messengers present. Under Miscellaneous Business, Rev. David Johnson, Stameytown Baptist Church, was introduces as new pastor in the Association. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Awards were presented to Pineola and Pleasant Hill Churches.

Special music was enjoyed by everyone, presented by "Called to Witness". The Director of Missions report was given by Rev. Daniel Whitstine, and Cecil Crawford moved to adopt the report. A congregational hymn was led by Harry Platt.

Association reports were then presented, beginning with the Treasurer's report, and the Budget & Finance report, given by LeNita Platt. The Nominating Committee report was given by Harry Platt, and Memorials were read by Hazel Franklin, all reports submitted and approved.

The Baptist Children's Home report was given by Rev Lewis Smith, enlightened with a film.

Special music was presented by Carolyn Church, singing Beulah Land, proceeding the Annual Sermon, given by Rev. Jacob Willis. The congregation was then dismissed, with a prayer, to enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship.

EVENING SESSION:

The evening session was called to order by Rev. David Burnop, and the congregation was led in a hymn by Harry Platt. Scripture and prayer was given by Rev. Dennis Church. Hazel Franklin made the Roll Call of churches, noting ten were represented, with 32 messengers present.

Chaplain Don Stafford, gave a good report on the prison ministry. Special music was presented by Carolyn Church, and enjoyed by all. A special "Thank You" ws given to Pleasant Hill Church for the great hospitality and wonderful meal. God Bless you!

An inspiring challenge message was brought by Rev. Ray green, using Scriptue from Mathew 16:13 -, concerning things needed in our churches.

The meeting was dismissed with a closing prayer by Ed Story

Respectfully Submitted,
Hazel Franklin

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
Oct. 1, 2005 - Sept 29, 2006

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	38,985.96
Baptist State Convention plus % of State Offering	6,924.00
Other (Min Books)	274.69
Total Receipts	$46,184.65

DISBURSEMENTS:

100 Key Leadership Organizations	
101 Sunday School	100.00
102 Baptist Men	.00
103 Evangelism	1,123.50
104 WMU	.00
105 VBS	.00
106 Youth Ministry	600.00
107 Speakers Honorarium	125.00
200 Director of Missions	
201 Salary	10,000.00
202 Social Security	1,438.99
203 Utilities and Housing	5,600.00
300 Operating Expenses	
301 D.O.M. Expense Reimbursement (Travel, etc.)	1,700.00
302 Office Phone	687.91
303 Office Supplies	883.11
304 Office Equipment	280.83
305 Office Utilities	1,083.00
306 Newsletter Postage	500.00
307 Secretary	6,687.50
308 Cell Phone Expense	247.50
400 Mission Ministries	
401 Prison Chaplaincy	1,650.00
402 Resort Ministry	.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund	.00

(Treasurer's Report, continued)

500 Miscellaneous Expenses

501 Insurance (Equipment and Building)	869.00
502 Health Insurance	9,460.32
503 Building Maintenance	164.70
504 Miscellaneous Expense	107.92
505 Convention Expense	600.00
506 Christmas Gift, DOM	400.00
507 Treasurer	300.00
508 Clerk	300.00
509 Quarterly Tax Reports	500.00
510 Christmas Gift, Sec'y	200.00
511 Pastors & Wives Christmas Dinner	68.53
Total Disbursements (Oct. 1, 2005 - Sept. 29, 2006).	4,5677.89
Cash on Deposit, Sept. 30, 2005	1,954.76
Total Receipts for Fiscal Year (10/1/05 - 3/31/06)	46,184.65
Total	$ 48,139.41
Less Total Disbursements	45,677.89
Cash on Deposit, End of Fiscal Year (09/29/06)	$ 2,461.52

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

CHURCH	YEAR-TO-DATE (Oct. 1, 2005-Sept. 29, 2006)
AARON	2,400.00
BEECH MOUNTAIN	1,633.00
BIG MEADOWS	100.00
CHESTNUT DALE	500.00
CRANBERRY	2,510.00
CROSSNORE FIRST	8,792.98
ELK PARK FIRST	00
FALL CREEK	6,943.66
GREEN VALLE	300.00
JONAS RIDGE	456.74
MINNEAPOLIS	840.00
NEW LIFE	1,565.00
OAK GROVE	100.00
PILGRIM	00
PINEOLA	1,200.00
PLEASANT HILL	4,347.57
PLEASANT VALLEY	620.00
POWDERMILL	1,100.00
STAMEYTOWN	536.50
SUGAR MOUNTAIN	1,736.72
VALLEY HAVEN	2,364.00
WHITES MEMORIAL	300.00
YELLOW MOUNTAIN	1,000.00
CONVENTION	6,924.00
OTHER (Includes Min.Bks.& St.Off.)	274.69
TOTALS:	46,184.65

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET – 2005 - 2006

	Budgeted	Proposed
100 KEY LEADERSHIP		
101 Sunday School	100.00	100.00
102 Baptist Men	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism	500.00	500.00
104 WMU	450.00	450.00
105 VBS	100.00	100.00
106 Youth Ministry	800.00	800.00
107 Speakers Honorarium	300.00	250.00
	2,300.00	2,250.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary	10,000.00	10,400.00
202 Social Security	1,439.00	1,439.00
203 Utilities & Housing	5,600.00	5,600.00
	17,039.00	17,439.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 DOM Expense Reimbursement	1,700.00	1,700.00
302 Office Telephone	800.00	800.00
303 Office Supplies	1,500.00	1,300.00
304 Office Equipment	1,200.00	900.00
305 Office Utilities	1,300.00	1,300.00
306 Newsletter Postage	800.00	800.00
307 Secretary	7,300.00	7,600.00
308 Cell Phone Expense	250.00	250.00
	14,850.00	14,650.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy	1,800.00	2,000.00
402 Resort Ministry	400.00	0
403 Veterans Ministry	0	1,200.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund	800.00	800.00
	3,000.00	4,000.00
500 MISC. EXPENSES		
501 Insurance (Equip. & Building)	1,000.00	1,000.00

502 Health Insurance	10,600.00	8,000.00
503 Building Maintenance	800.00	600.00
504 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00
505 Convention Expense	600.00	600.00
506 Christmas Gift	400.00	400.00
507 Treasurer	300.00	300.00
508 Clerk	300.00	300.00
509 Quarterly Tax Reports	500.00	500.00
510 Christmas Gift, Secretary	200.00	250.00
511 Pastors & Wives ChristmasDin	500.00	500.00
	15,400.00	12,650.00
Totals	52, 589.00	50,989.00

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
2006 - 2007

Moderator	Rev. David Burnop
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Jacob Willis
Treasurer	LeNita Platt
Assistant Treasurer	Beth Crawford
Clerk	Hazel Franklin
Assistant Clerk	Kim Phillips
Sunday School Director	Susie Smith
W M U Director	Donna Burnop
Baptist Men Director	Rev. Dennis Aldridge
Evangelism Director	Rev. Jacob Willis
Pianist	Michael Burnop
Music Director	Harry Platt

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Jacob Willis, Chair
Keith Greene
Bryan Griffith

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Larry Belas
Jeff Phillips
Jason Buchanan

BUDGET & FINANCE COM.

Treasurer, LeNita Platt
Andy Willis
John Stafford
Barry Crawford
Andy Taylor
Mary E. Clark

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Carolyn Church
Bonita Taylor

PROGRAM AND PLACE COMMITTEE

Vice-Mod., Jacob Willis
Dennis Church
Don Ford

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Harry Platt
Bob Daniels Jr.
Cecil Crawford

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Director of Missions
Moderator
Dennis Aldridge
Rufus Biddix
Lynda Carpenter

TRUSTEES

Joe B. Perry
David Banner
Simon Franklin

MEMORIALS' REPORT

Oct. 2005 - Oct. 2006

AARON BAPTIST CHURCH: Mr. Harold McCrosky

CHESTNUT DALE: Mrs. Eula Huffman (Age 100 !)

CRANBERRY: Rev. Raymond Turbyfill

FIRST BAPTIST CROSSNORE: Mrs. Sue Franklin

FALL CREEK: Mrs. Maude Bunton, Mr. James Hobert Church

PINEOLA MISSIONARY BAPT.: Mrs. Mary Singleton

PLEASANT HILL: Mrs. Janette Burleson, Mrs. Ethel Phillips, Mr. Steward Staton, Mrs. Viola, Hughes

SUGAR MOUNTAIN: Mrs. Ella Braswell, Mr. Robert Haga

WHITES MEMORIAL: Mrs. Grace Gardner, Deacon Finley Love

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
2006 - 2007

AARON - Rev. Dennis Aldridge
BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Eddie Storey, Junella Church, Alice Parlier
BIG MEADOWS - Rev. Joshua Calvert, Patsy Carpenter
CHESTNUT DALE - Rev. Andy Willis, Conley Huffman
CRANBERRY - Rev. David Burnop
CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Polly Heafner, Harry Platt LeNita Platt
ELK PARK FIRST - Rev. Clarence Laws
FALL CREEK - Rev. Jacob Willis, Bill Burleson, Charles Ward
GREEN VALLEY - Rev. Rufus Biddix
JONAS RIDGE - Rev. Mike Rathbone, Sam Franklin, Virginia Franklin
NEW LIFE -
OAK GROVE - Rev. Ron Greene
PILGRIM -
PINEOLA - Rev. Larry Belus, Dorothy Andrews, Teena McNeely, B. W. McNeely
PLEASANT HILL - Rev. Rodney Millsaps, Andy Taylor, Brenda Taylor Bonita Taylor, Vauda Dearmin
PLEASANT VALLEY - Rev. John McCoury
POWDERMILL - Rev. Harold Dellinger
STAMEY TOWN - Rev. David Johnson, Tommy Carpenter, Dixie Carpenter, Simon Franklin, Judy Johnson
SUGAR MOUNTAIN - Rev. Don Ford, David Banner, Barbara Banner, Ross Church, Billie Church
VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strayhan, Loretta Strahan, Joe Perry, Clara Perry
WHITES MEMORIAL - Rev. John Stafford, Ivor Dellinger, Polly Dellinger,
YELLOW MOUNTAIN - Rev. Cass Buchanan

Statistical Tables

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership 3-Total Baptisms 3b-(6-8) 3d-(12-17) 3f-(30-59) 4-Other Additions
2-Resident Members 3a-(Birth-5) 3c-(9-11) 3e-(18-29) 3g-(60-Up) 5-New Member
Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Aaron	106	89	4	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	10	0
Beech Mt.	190	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cranberry	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	540	497	10	0	3	3	0	3	1	0	8	0
Elk Park	95	65	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Fall Creek	164	92	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	44	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Jonas Ridge	210	125	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	320	316	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	8	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Pleasant Hill	285	249	8	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	55	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	115	115	0	4	4	2	11	30	49	15	0	0
Stameytown	52	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	55	39	0	1	0	2	6	1	12	17	0	0
Valley Haven	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	133	50	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	2558	1801	36	7	14	12	22	36	69	32	53	0

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss. Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Interc. Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Ass. Miss. On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Aaron	1849	2001	75	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Beech Mt.	1869	1996	33	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Big Meadows	1845	0	85	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Chestnut Dale	1903	0	58	0	0	N	N	N
Cranberry	1907	1997	70	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	1907	1983	300	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Elk Park	1897	1993	32	0	0	N	N	Y
Fall Creek	1886	2003	47	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Green Valley	1897	0	38	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Jonas Ridge	1887	2003	75	0	0	Y	Y	Y

Long Ridge	1900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	2003	2003	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	1900	1999	148	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	1913	2005	45	0	0	0	Y	0
Pleasant Hill	1903	2000	125	0	0	0	Y	0
PleasantVal.	1893	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	1914	1991	90	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	1947	2001	25	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	1950	2002	45	0	0	0	0	Y
Valley Haven	1948	1993	29	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	1949	2006	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals			1320					

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol 15a-(Birth-5) 15b-(6-11) 15c-(12-17) 15d-(18-24) 15e-(25-34) 15f-(35-54) 15g-(55-64) 15h-(65-up) 15i-Gen. Officers 15j-Other Bible Study 16-Avg Wkly SS Att 17-SS Not Member 18-VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Aaron	72	3	4	2	5	5	20	25	23	2	22	45	0	25
Beech Mt.	82	5	11	6	6	0	24	8	16	6	0	33	2	58
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	58	5	5	6	0	9	10	5	9	7	0	31	0	65
Cranberry	54	6	8	4	4	4	10	12	6	0	0	54	0	85
Crossnore	370	33	30	67	14	45	79	75	27	2	0	227	0	184
Elk Park	45	3	4	2	9	7	4	6	8	2	0	30	1	45
Fall Creek	74	10	5	4	1	2	15	20	17	8	36	48	5	20
Green Valley	29	0	0	1	0	3	9	4	12	0	0	22	12	0
Jonas Ridge	75	4	6	4	3	6	14	7	8	0	25	65	20	40

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	150	12	11	12	10	25	36	21	20	3	0	91	0	169
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	40
Pleasant Hill	150	20	15	6	10	22	24	28	23	2	0	102	16	138
Pleasant Valley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	87
Powdermill	115	4	4	12	16	25	25	27	12	0	0	60	0	72
Stameytown	30	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	18	2	0	20	0	18
Sugar Mtn.	49	1	2	6	0	2	10	3	14	10	0	25	0	49
Valley Haven	21	0	1	1	0	0	0	10	9	5	0	19	0	3
Whites Mem.	48	5	3	6	6	4	5	8	4	7	0	39	2	0
Yellow Mtn.	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals:	1464	111	109	144	84	159	285	259	226	56	83	964	58	1098

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	93	4	21	22	45	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	48	3	8	9	27	1	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	20	1	2	6	20	20	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	21	2	10	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	182	10	41	42	92	26	0	0	0	0	0

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up)
21a-(3-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Aaron	20	0	0	0	20	0
Beech Mt.	25	0	11	6	8	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	10	0	0	0	0	10
Cranberry	30	0	15	0	15	0
Crossnore	151	10	25	48	48	20
Elk Pa rk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	38	3	4	2	29	0
Green Valley	21	1	1	2	14	3
Jonas Ridge	30	0	0	0	0	30

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	63	5	10	14	29	5
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	11	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	71	10	12	9	40	5
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	21	0	1	1	19	0
Whites Mem	20	0	2	6	12	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	511	29	81	88	234	73

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b_(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 24d-Miss. Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up) 25-Other

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Aaron	26	0	0	0	26	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	13	0	0	0	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	98	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	0	12	0	0	86	3	0	35	0	35	0	0
Elk Park	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	5	0	22	3	7	0	0	0	0	0

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	10	0	0	0	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	35	10	5	6	0	0	0	17	10	4	3	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	204	22	10	6	163	15	29	52	10	39	3	0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Aaron	96,124	14,614	125	3,000	2,400	0	355	1,801	5,300	5990
Beech Mt.	35,183	14,044	0	1,560	2,370	0	500	500	2,500	1,850
Big Meadows	0	0	0	2,500	0	0	0	0	702	1,180
Chestnut Dale	77,000	0	0	500	500	0	0	500	17,000	0
Cranberry	48,573	8,149	0	0	2,378	280	699	811	0	600
Crossnore	391,768	92,442	5,761	89,743	8,793	0	4,020	5,848	7,650	3,700
Elk Park	15,122	2,205	0	1,260	0	0	0	110	5,496	500
Fall Creek	84,552	1,304	0	8,750	6,353	0	0	0	0	2,538
Green Valley	24,103	1,797	0	0	300	670	468	659	0	4,898
Jonas Ridge	39,120	0	0	1,381	465	0	60	385	0	4,031

Long Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	178268	74270	5670	6000	100	0	3000	2986	0	12401
Pineola	54512	0	0	6512	1200	810	615	3527	2725	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	141537	8970	0	0	4226	1409	6650	22510	2817	8452
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	58000	24000	0	0	1260	600	0	354	0	0
Stameytown	20593	0	0	3306	713	100	512	296	360	0
Sugar Mtn	57770	46000	0	300	1250	500	600	600	2000	3000
Valley Haven	800.	150	0	0	1730	1000	200	200	125	0
Whites Mem.	28105	5130	850	271	300	0	0	750	950	1462
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc.Totals:	1,361,138	419,075	12,406	125,083	36,738	5,369	17,679	59,516	47,625	50,602

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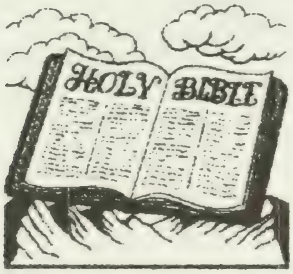

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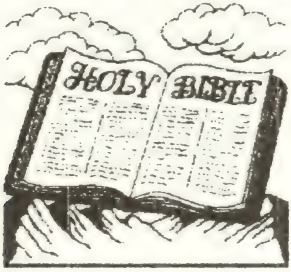

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CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
OF THE
AVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Also referred to as the Association, Avery Association or ABA

PURPOSE

1.) The association will provide an organization in which affiliated churches may voluntarily cooperate as we work together for the Lord.
2.) The association will engage in efforts that draw upon the unified strength of the cooperating churches, allowins us to accomplish tasks that could not be done by individual churches.
3.) The association will encourage, assist, and train the affiliated churches but will not exert authority on the churches. Each church is independent regarding leadership, worship style, and curch polity.

MEMBERSHIP

1.) Membership shall consist of those churches which have petitioned for membership, been accepted by an appropriate vote of the association, and maintain fellowship according to these by-laws:

A.) The faith and practice of member churches will agree with accepted articles of faith that are common in our association and the Southern Baptist Convention.

B.) The churches will provide a letter of report to the annual association meeting.

C.) The churches will assist in the work of the association through financial support as each church is able. A goal of 3% of church receipts is suggested as a minimal contribution level for the association. Each church should prayerfully support the association and should encourage member churches in their ministry/

D.) Each church having 100 members or less shall be entitled to 3 messengers to the annual meeting, with an additional messenger for every 50 members over 100. The pastor of each church may also serve as a messenger.

E.) The association is the sole judge of its membership and may receive or reject churches according to its by-laws. Member churches may also withdraw if they desire by providing written notice to the association office.

F.) The Membership Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and 3 others elected annually. This committee will examine requests from any church desiring membership.

G.) Associational meetings will be held semi-annually in spring and fall, and the meetings will be held at member churches as they choose to act as host church. The Moderator will preside at these meetings and Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

OFFICERS & DUTIES

All officers shall be members of the affiliated churches and elected by the majority vote of the association. The officers shall be:

1.) Moderator: The moderator shall preside at all meetings, is an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall not serve longer than 2 consecutive years.

2.) Vice-Moderator: The person will assist the moderator and preside at meetings in the absence of the moderator. The person will also serve as chairman of the program committee.

3.) Clerk: This person will maintain records of the proceedings of the association and shall assist in publishing the minutes and other important documents of the association.

4.) Assistant Clerk: The person will assist the clerk in all tasks and shall serve as clerk in the clerk's absence.

5.) Treasurer: This person will maintain all financial records, provide financial reports as needed, and serve with the finance committee.

6.) Assistant Treasurer: Should assist the treasurer and shall serve in that office should the treasurer be absent or unable to perform the duties.

COMMITTEES

All members of standing committees will be on a rotating basis unless an exception is noted in the committee description.

1.) The Membership Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and three other members chosen from member churches. The purpose will be to consider questions of membership in the association.

2.) The Finance Committee will consist of six members, with the Treasurer and two pastors currently serving churches in the association included on the committee. The remaining members will be recommended by the nominating committee with no church having more than one representative and each member serving a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years. The purpose shall be to recommend the annual associational budget and assist in other financial matters as needed.

3.) The Nominating Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and three others who are not serving in an elected associational position at the time they are placed on the committee. The duties are to contact and recommend candidates for all general officers, department heads, and committees. The committee will also fill and vacancies that may arise within the year.

4.) The Program and Place Committee will consist of the Vice-Moderator and two others recommended by the nominating committee. The purpose shall be to determine the location for both spring and fall general sessions and determine the agenda and speakers for all sessions.

5.) The Trustee Committee will consist of three persons who shall have the responsibility of caring for deeds for associational property and signing notes, mortgages, and other legal documents on behalf of the association.

6.) The Properties Committee will have three members who will direct the maintenance and repair of all physical property of the association.

7.) The Resolutions Committee will have two members who shall present to the association sessions the resolutions that have been referred to them or that they determine to be appropriate.

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the messengers present at the general session provided the amendment has been presented in writing at the previous general session.

Proceedings
Avery Baptist Association
Annul Meeting

Monday, October 1, 2007

The Avery Baptist Association annual meeting was at Aaron Baptist Church, located in Montezuma, NC.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Daniel Whetstine. A congregational hymn was led by Harry Platt, followed by scripture and prayer by Rev. Rufus Biddix. Rev. Whetstine called for the adoption of the program, which was approved. Carolyn Church, Clerk, did the roll call of churches for the first session.

Misc. Business: Rev. Whetstine provided information on a mission trip to Gulfport, MS, which is scheduled for November 5-9, 2007. There were no new pastors in the association to be introduced.

Rev. Whetstine gave the Director of Missions report, which was followed by a congregational hymn led by Harry Platt.

The associational reports were presented by Lenita Platt and were approved as read. After 12 years of service to the association as Associational Secretary, Mrs. Platt retired and was presented a

plaque and a monetary gift recognizing her outstanding work and contributions to the association.

The memorials report was given by Carolyn Church, Clerk. It was moved and seconded to dedicate the Avery Baptist Association Minutes in memory of Mrs. Hazel Franklin, Former clerk, who passed away this year.

A very informative Baptist Children's Home Report was given by Rev. Lewis Smith. This was followed by a report from Mr. Gayle Brown, spokesman for the NC Baptist Homes For The Aged. He spoke of types of care provided across the state of NC. Mr. David Webb, NC Baptist Foundation, spoke of ways to contribute funds to the Baptist associations for financial assistance.

Special Music for the first session was provided by Ms. Liz Nunley and Carolyn Church.

The annual sermon was given by Rev. Dennis Aldridge entitled "What if we prayed more and did other things less?" After the sermon, the blessing was asked and members were dismissed for supper.

The second portion of the meeting was called to order by Rev. Daniel Whetstine, followed by a congregational hymn directed by Rev. Dennis Aldredge.

Second Session: Roll call of churches by Carolyn Church, Clerk

Rev. Don Stafford reported on the prison ministry and how God is working to save souls through this most important program.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine gave a very impressive "Tribute To Veterans" program in honor of all men and women who are now serving, or have ever served in the military to help insure our

freedom as a nation.

Special music for the second session was provided by "Sons of The Savior" A local group from Avery County.

The challenge message was delivered by Rev. Cecil Lovelace, after which the session ended with prayer.

Our much deserved thanks goes to Aaron Baptist Church for hosting the associational meeting and for the delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the church.

Respectfully Submitted
Carolyn Church, Clerk

North Carolina Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2006, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling $2.6 million and received $6.5 million in contributions to existing endowments, all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a

permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Over $2.6 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $11.7 million in contributions during 2006 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2006, the Foundation held $153.1 million under management.

During 2006, our distributions totaled $8.4 million, with charity receiving $5.9 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.5 million. During the 86-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $31.6 million has been distributed to individuals and $59.2 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $90.8 million.

Respectfully submitted,
C.V. Bailes, Chairman, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

The GuideStone Team has been extremely busy during this past year to ensure prompt and accurate delivery of information related to retirement, insurance, staff compensation, tax issues, etc. that impact dramatically the care of persons who serve on church staff here in North Carolina.

On January 2, 2007, GuideStone Financial Resources, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention headquartered in Dallas, Texas, introduced a new family of funds, *My Destination Funds*, which are date targeted to a retirement participant's projected retirement date at some point in the future. For those participants who choose to invest using these funds the hassle of keeping up with an appropriate asset allocation as the participant grows older is now removed. These funds are professionally managed and the asset allocation is adjusted automatically as the participant ages. This is a "great and wondrous" development since many church staff are focused primarily on ministry to people rather than managing their retirement account. Furthermore, the retirement funds at GuideStone exceeded their respective mutual fund peer universe median as measured by Lipper rankings during this past year.

The successful transition to a single provider for medical insurance for the GuideStone medical plans reaped great rewards as 57% of Personal Plan participants received no rate increase or a reduction in premiums. This is a "great and wonderful" thing for those who are covered with GuideStone medical insurance. Life and disability coverage continues to be tweaked to meet the needs of our church employees. Beginning with the 2007 fall semester all students enrolled at one of the Southern Baptist seminaries (we have Southeastern Seminary in North Carolina) will be covered with $10,000 of life insurance at no cost to the student and the 31 day of open enrollment from matriculation for new students

continues to be very attractive.

The Church Retirement Plan is a major emphasis of the GuideStone team.. We are working hard to educate staff and key church leaders to the best retirement plan on the market today for employees of our Baptist churches. On April 1 of this year annual church budget eligibility requirements for the Mission/Church Assistance Fund were dramatically adjusted from the previous requirement of less than $40,000 per year to less than $75,000 per year. Many of our church pastors will now qualify to receive $50 per month for a five year period, but they must be active participants in the church retirement plan to receive this "great and wonderful" benefit.

In closing, it is our strong desire to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at 1-800-395-5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, or visit our Web site at www.ncbaptist.org, call GuideStone at 1-888-984-8433, or visit the new and redesigned GuideStone web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross
GuideStone State Representative

Baptist Children's Homes

Oak Ranch added to ministry...Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) entered into a relationship with Oak Ranch, a residential program for at-risk boys, to manage the facility. Located on the Lee-Harnett County line near Broadway, Oak Ranch features two existing cottages, administrative buildings and an eight-horse equine therapy component.

This is an historic event," said BCH President Michael C. Blackwell. "Baptist Children's Homes and Oak Ranch share a

vision to provide hope and healing to children. This is a natural merger, and we look into the future with great hope and tremendous expectation."

Plans are in place to accept boys into care at Oak Ranch beginning in October, 2007, but the property and Oak Ranch's distinctive equine therapy program are already being utilized by BCH residents and staff members from the institution's statewide locations.

New Program Helps Children With Intensive Challenges...BCH's new Level III program outreaches to children who are struggling to overcome a greater degree of emotional and behavioral issues. The service is designed to provide a highly structured and supervised residential environment that is responsive to the need for intensive, active therapeutic treatment and interventions.

Currently, BCH offers Level III child care at Kennedy Home in Kinston and Moody Home in Franklin.

Developmental Disabilities Ministries Continues to Grow...On August 27, 2006, members of the Three Forks Association, BCH staff and other supporters gathered for the dedication ceremony of two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM) homes for developmentally disabled adults in Zionville.

The Three Forks Home is named in honor of the association for gifting the original Camp Joy property for the new homes. Lindsay Home is named in memory of Winifred B. Lindsay who donated a lead gift of $400,000. Churches, businesses, organizations and other community friends helped raise funds to build the homes. The new DDM homes are a part of Joy Cove Ministries serving families in Watauga County and the surrounding community.

BCH held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 10, 2006 to celebrate the expansion of its Developmental Disabilities Ministry to Sanford. BCH recently began building the two group homes to serve special needs adults in the Lee County area. The Sanford based ministry has been tapped Willett Mnistries. Jane Willett-Cromer, a resident of Gulf and mother of a developmentally

disabled adult, gave three and a half acres of land for the Sanford-based homes to BCH in the memory of her husband Howard.

BCH and Cross Road Retirement Community in Asheboro hosted a "Laying the Foundation" ceremony on October 14, 2006. The ceremony celebrated the construction of BCH's new DDM group home. The group home is located on the Cross Road Retirement Community campus which is owned by Cross Road Baptist Church. It will be called "The Asheboro Home," and dedication ceremonies are scheduled for August 26, 2007.

The 3,000 square-foot facility offers a residence for six developmentally disabled adult women and will serve families in Randolph County and the surrounding community. The home was built in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). BCH will operate the home, providing the services and the staff.

Baptists Touch BCH Through Technology... Children in BCH's care greeted messengers at the 2006 annual session of the Baptist State Convention at the Greensboro Coliseum through the power of technology. Using a web camera link, five children at Mills Home in Thomasville carried on live, real-time conversations with convention attendees and thanked them for their love and support. Mills Home children answered questions and gave "high fives" to messengers who viewed them on a large, flat panel display screen.

New Website Introduced...BCH also introduced the redesigned BCH Family (www.bchfamily.org) website during the November convention. The new website offers streamlined navigation making it easy to find information about BCH's statewide services and a variety of ways to support the ministry. New features include online journals and photo galleries from the ministries locations around the state.

Charity & Children Marks 120 Years...Charity & Children (C&C) marked its 120th anniversary in 2007. Throughout its history, it has been a strong voice speaking for Baptist Children's Homes conveying news, information, and children's success stories. The free publication is mailed to as many as 62,000

subscribers a month, with estimated readership in excess of 170,000 per issue.

Seven year *C&C* editor Jim Edminson introduced a new look for the paper in January utilizing concisely written stories, the use of vivid, large photos, ample white space, and contemporary artwork to make the publication more approachable to readers.

The BCH news publication is produced each month by its publisher and BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, Edminson, and Blake Ragsdale who was named Managing Editor in late 2006.

We are making plans to prepare North Carolina's largest family for another school year. Each year, we help the many children in our care with their education needs -- clothes (pants, skirts, dresses, shirts, under garments, socks, belts and handbags), shoes, athletic and play), jackets and coats, school supplies, athletic and lab fees, instrument rentals and band fees, and book bags.

Broyhill Home -- 47th Annual Western Conference -- On Thursday, September 6, enjoy an afternoon of barbecue, gospel singing and fellowship. (Cottage tours - 4:00 p.m.; Meal - 4:45 p.m.; Program - 6:00 p.m.). Tour children's cottages, see a special program of singing and testimonies presented by children and staff, and hear from BCH president Michael C. Blackwell and Baptist State Convention president Stan Welch. Call Broyhill Home at 828-627-9254 to register. Early registration is required.

It will soon be time to kick off this year's Thanksgiving Offering. Be among the first to see this year's new video, "Love, Give, Hope."

For more information on these events or future events, call 1-800-3669, ext. 1277.

Baptist Retirement Homes

At Baptist Retirement Homes not only are physical needs met but spiritual needs as well. At our Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, at the Brookridge Retirement Community in

Winston-Salem, at the Gardens of Taylor Glen in Concord, at the Taylor House in Albemarle, and at the Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton, our Baptist chaplains serve as faithful reminders that "God is our refuge and strength."

In addition to regular worship services and Bible studies, personal visits with the chaplain enrich the lives of the residents.

Because of your partnership with us, Baptist Retirement Homes is now serving more than 700 Older Adults in our five locations across North Carolina.

Because of your partnership with us, Baptist Retirement Homes provides a full range of services to Older Adults including independent living, assisted living and nursing care as well as special programming for those with dementia-related disorders such as Alzheimer's Disease.

Because of your partnership with us, Baptist Retirement Homes is a leader in giving care to Older Adults who lack sufficient financial resources to pay the full cost of the care they need and deserve. Sixty percent of our nursing care residents receive financial assistance and thirty-five percent of our assisted living care residents receive assistance.. This care is made possible by gifts from our Baptist churches. In 2006, funds received from North Carolina Baptists totaled approximately $1.4 million.

Because of your partnership with us, our commitment for the years ahead is to continue to bring the highest level of care to as many Older Adults as we possibly can – both those with financial resources and those who need financial assistance. We are counting on our Baptist churches to...

"not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifice God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16.

For more information call the Baptist Elder Care Network, 1-800-887-7410.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Osment
Assistant to the President

Baptist Hospital

In 1923, Baptist Hospital began as a "missionary enterprise" of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. In the Bible, healing is God's work of restoring well-being and wholeness – body, mind and spirit – to one who is broken. In 2007, our mission of healing is reaching thousands of hurting people, combining the leading edge of medicine with the grace of compassion. As God's servants, we consider our mission to be a great privilege and responsibility.

A Leading Provider of Medical Care in the United States:

- We are ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" *by U.S. News and World Report* (2006), and one of the top 50 hospitals (over 6,000) since 1993.
- *"The Best Doctors in America"* (2005) includes 149 physicians from the Medical Center. Less than 10% of U.S. hospitals have doctors listed in this ranking.
- Our Comprehensive Cancer Center, a national leader in cancer care and research, is home to 13 cancer specialists listed among *"America's Top Doctors for Cancer 2006."*
- Our Heart Center is an internationally recognized leader in state-of-the-art cardiac treatment and research.
- Our patient satisfaction scores are among the nation's best, in the top 3% compared to our peers..

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with one of our physicians or to receive information on health related issues, please contact Health On-Call at 1-800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255. Our web site is www.wfubmc.edu.

As partners with North Carolina Baptists, we are fulfilling our mission of *"providing ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ."* We are grateful for the support of Cooperative Program Missions Giving, allowing us to broaden the healing reach of Christ through three vital ministries.

➳ CareNet's Pastoral Counseling Centers provide compassionate, highly skilled, faith-integrated counseling to hurting individuals,

couples and families.

- Our statewide network of 19 counseling centers extends the ministry of churches.
- Among the largest pastoral counseling ministries in the nation, CareNet will provide 27,000 hours of counseling in 2007.
- Thanks to the support of N.C. Baptists, counseling is provided at a reasonable cost and subsidized for clients who need assistance. No one is turned away due to lack of resources to pay.

➳ The Center for Congregational Health is helping churches grow stronger through ministries of expert consultation and education.

- We serve approximately 25 churches per month with long range planning, strategies to energize congregations, and conflict reconciliation.
- 600 ministers and church leaders per year receive leadership training in a variety of educational events.
- Since 1992, we have trained over 1,800 clergy for interim ministry.

➳ The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education Department provides compassionate spiritual care to our patients and families and specialized pastoral care training for ministers.

- 54,015 ministry contacts were made in 2006.
- 66 ministers received training in 2006 through our Clinical Pastoral Education programs.
- Worship services for patients, families and staff are held every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday in our Davis Memorial Chapel.

The Mother's Day Offering: Care in the Name of Christ's Love: Thanks to the Christ-centered compassion of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering received $708,600 in 2006, exceeding the generosity of any previous year. Every dollar of every gift helps pay hospital bills for care received at Baptist Hospital. Having too much to qualify for government assistance,

but not enough to pay bills they are responsible for, they feel the hand of God lifting their burdens.

The minister's subsidy covers up to 25% of the hospital bills of ministers (and their dependents) serving N.C. Baptist churches for care received at Baptist Hospital. The amount of $76,785 was provided in 2006, made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund and the Mother's Day Offering.

From the President: Every day at Baptist Hospital our founding mission of healing is being advanced, from the expertise of modern medicine and technology to the grace of compassion and simple kindness. We are committed to being one of the best hospitals in the nation. We are humbled to God's healing mercy at work through the care we seek to provide. On behalf of our staff, thank you for being partners with us in this sacred mission of hope.

Respectfully submitted,
Donny C. Lambeth
Interim President

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute

Students at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute are here basically because they have received a call from God to serve Him. Many of them are older. One student, after hearing other students talking about running from God, said, "If these professors don't let up, I am going to run some more." He graduated from Fruitland with an Associates degree. He recently received his Bachelor's degree from another school. We have students who come to Fruitland without a High School diploma. They get a G.E.D. and finish Fruitland. Many of them have completed Master's degrees and even Doctorates.

Christian education has been going on here at Fruitland since 1899. The campus was purchased by the Baptist State Convention

of North Carolina in the early 1940s as a site for a conference center. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute actually began on this campus in 1946.

A personal visit became the catalyst for the actual beginning of Fruitland as a Bible Institute. Dr. J.C. Canipe was the pastor of First Baptist Church of Boone, North Carolina. He learned that a fellow pastor in the area, Vilas Minton, was sick and needed some help. Dr. Canipe took a supply of groceries to the Minton family. He and Pastor Minton became friends. Later, Pastor Minton asked whether Dr. Canipe would start some classes for him and other pastors who had not had the opportunity for formal preparation for ministry. Dr. Canipe began some classes in the facilities of the First Baptist Church. Several pastors from the surrounding area joined the local pastors in attending these classes. Dr. Canipe was invited by the Baptist State Convention to move these classes to the Fruitland campus and the Bible institute began. We completed sixty years of service in 2006.

Fruitland continues to serve students with unique needs. Our student body is diverse in ages, ethnic and national backgrounds, academic achievement, and spiritual development. The common characteristics of these students are faith in Christ, and experience of a call to ministry, and a sense of need for basic academic, spiritual, and practical preparation.

Presently, Fruitland offers an associate degree in religion/church ministries involving two years of study. The degree requires either high school graduation or the G.E.D. and the completion of 125 quarter hours of academic credit. During the 2006-2007 year the cumulative, non-duplicated enrollment was 267. Many students go on to other institutions and graduate with honors.

Once again this year many special events took place. We had Founder's Days with Dr. Gray Allison of Memphis, Tennessee and Dr. Herb Reavis of Jacksonville, Florida. In October we had our annual Alumni Day and Preaching Week. Dr. D. L. Lowrie, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, was a visiting professor. His wife, Alice, spoke for the annual Women's Retreat

led by Mrs. Ann Ridings.

Dr. Kenneth Ridings continues to serve as President of Fruitland. The expansion of the chapel is well under way. Hopes are high that it will be ready for graduation in December. Fruitland continues to fulfill a commitment to be "true to God's Word and loyal to His purpose." We invite you to come and visit the campus just east of Hendersonville, North Carolina. Groups from churches can arrange a tour and a meal in our cafeteria. Contact Ken Houston, Director of Campus Services, by e-mail at services@fruitland.edu or call 828-685-8886. Our web site may be accessed at www.fruitland.edu.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for establishing and continuing to support the ministry of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. By doing so you strengthen a kingdom enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,
J.D. Grant
Vice-President for Academics

Mars Hill College

The 150th Anniversary of Mars Hill College's ministry in the mountains of western Carolina has provided ample evidence that God is still doing great and wondrous things here. A look around the campus reveals much physical evidence, but there is much more happening than simply new construction.

Our enrollment continues to move in a positive direction, thanks to the hard work of our admissions office staff (in conjunction with the entire campus community), and we expect more great things to come in that area in the days ahead. We're just a few weeks into the second year of a five-year, $2 million federal Title III Strengthening Institutions project that is enabling MHC to address many issues which impact small colleges' ability to attract, retain, and graduate students. Through this project and related initiatives we will be in excellent position to meet our institutional goal of

increasing traditional student enrollment to 1,200 by 2011.

The ministry of Mars Hill is also being revealed through the work of Chaplain Todd Boling; Dr. Gordon Benton, our Director of Church and Community Relations; and the various student ministries on campus. Rev. Boling is helping continue a renewal of student interest and involvement in spiritual life, not only through our weekly Crossroads chapel services, but also through in-the-field mission work. As has been a long tradition at Mars Hill, several groups of students chose to spend their spring break, not relaxing at the beach, but rather in mission service around the world. The Christian Student Movement group worked in an orphanage and the surrounding community in Honduras; several students in the Refuge student ministry spent their break in Thessaloniki, Greece, working in a Gypsy village and on a Greek college campus; and the LifeWorks program took a team to New Orleans to continue ongoing hurricane recovery efforts the MHC students and staff have been involved with since the devastating storms of 2005. The past year, through the work of Dr. Benton, also saw the renewal of one of Mars Hill's longtime ministries: our conference for pastors. We welcomed three dynamic ministers to campus for these conferences – Dr. Charles Chandler, Dr. Chuck Bugg, and Dr. Jim Henry – not to mention the local church pastors and other ministers who attended the conferences.

God is doing wondrous things in the academic realm at Mars Hill. Our first Spring SLAM (Student Liberal Arts Mosiac) was a resounding success, as students exhibited, performed, displayed, and otherwise presented their research, performance, and creativity. Plans are already well underway for the second SLAM in the coming spring semester. Our athletes regularly receive recognition for their activities on the court and field, but we're also proud of their academic achievements. Several individual athletes received conference and regional "all academic team" recognition; two were named Academic All Americans; the women's cross country team earned national All-Academic Team Honor; and the women's basketball team was ranked for the second straight year

in the Top 25 Team Honor Roll, which is based on the highest team grade point average among the NCAA's three divisions, NAIA, and junior/community colleges. Along with this good academic news comes more exciting news. At its spring meeting, the MHC board of trustees approved moving forward with plans to establish the college's first graduate level program, which will be in teacher education.

As for the (literal) concrete physical evidence, the landscape of the Mars Hill campus continues to grow. The Ferguson Math and Science Center is well on its way to completion as MHC's first new academic building in three decades. Our football team played its last home game of the season on our brand new field turf playing surface. That's just one of the major improvements to our primary athletic stadium, which has been totally upgraded with new grandstands and the new Scott Merrill Press Box, allowing our football, soccer, and lacrosse teams to play and practice in a state of the art facility

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Higgins, Chair of Trustees
Dan G. Lunsford, President

Cooperative Program

Throughout 2007 your Cooperative Program continued to be the best way for North Carolina Baptists to work together and cooperatively support a goal, nationwide and statewide program of missions, evangelism and ministry.

No other program will send a Christian dollar to as many places or touch as many lives for God's Kingdom!

The 2007 Cooperative Program budget is for $37,786,000. It is only when we work together as Baptists and consolidate our missions dollars into a single unified budget that we can support major ministries and missions projects needed to share the gospel

with a lost world!

Our Cooperative Program supports thousands of missionaries, ministry specialists and many types of work, yet it operates quite simply.

Here's how: Each November when North Carolina Baptists hold their annual meeting, they adopt a Cooperative Program budget, currently in two-year cycles. That budget determines what work we support together
and how much.

During the year congregations of all sizes, located across the state, send in their Cooperative Program checks to the Baptist State Convention office in Cary. There the accountants divide up the money according to the budget and send it on its way to the many ministries we support.

That's why we say we give *through* the Cooperative Program, not *to* it.

The Cooperative Program is a *channel*, the way we divide up money among Baptist causes we support; it is not a destination.

This is how we as North Carolina Baptists support five colleges and a Bible institute, a major children's home, missions work across North America and around the world, plus a newspaper and a foundation.

Your Cooperative Program also supports the staff of your Baptist State Convention. This staff – your state missionaries – help hundreds of churches like yours each year in many kinds of work, from prayer ministry and church outreach programs to Sunday School and music, to discipleship training, insurance and retirement programs for church staff, among others.

Your Cooperative Program also provides hefty support to Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men, augmenting the support you and other North Carolina Baptists provide these important organizations through the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Bright Outlook: Consider that more than 1,500 churches increased their Cooperative Program giving amount for 2006 over

2005. That means more than a third of the convention's churches have voted with their pocketbooks for the 1-3-6 Challenge!

What's that? It's a challenge to every church to increase its Cooperative Program giving by 1 percent of its undesignated receipts over three years. If all convention churches will do so, it will produce $6 million a year in additional funds for the convention's vast program of work!

But there's a prior challenge. That challenge is for more North Carolina Baptists to learn about the amazing variety and depth of missions, evangelism and ministry they support through their Cooperative Program.

We have had the Cooperative Program since 1925. It has served Baptists so well, that if we woke up tomorrow and did not have it, we would rush to recreate the same thing! It is worth supporting and worth supporting more.

Giving will skyrocket when all North Carolina Baptists realize there's no other method which will send a Christian dollar to more places or touch more lives for God's Kingdom, than a dollar given through the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Creswell, Senior Consultant
Cooperative Program,
Baptist State Convention

State Missions

Jesus taught his followers through stories or parables. At the end of a tale, He would often say, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." It was His way of asking, "Are you listening? Did you hear what I said? Are you going to take My words to heart and put them into action in your life?"

In countless ways each day, God is calling every Christian to put their faith and desire to obey Him into action. We are not simply

to be hearers of the Word, but doers, listening and acting in obedience to God's commands (James 1:22).

Across our state, North Carolina Baptists are listening – and obeying. We have heard Christ's call to serve the needs of our world, both physically and spiritually through the missions and ministries supported by the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Changed lives result from hearts responding to the missions education efforts of Woman's Missionary Union. North Carolina Baptist Men are ahead of schedule on rebuilding their new goal of 700 hurricane-ravaged homes in Gulfport, Mississippi. Church planters started 88 new churches in North Carolina last year, providing believers from diverse cultures with a fellowship in which to grow, mature, and bear fruit for the Kingdom. Convention areas of special ministries, chaplaincy, associational missions, and others are all responding to the needs placed before them.

These are the ministries that receive primary support through the North Carolina Missions Offering, ministries born in response to Jesus' telling us to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors.

The 2007 North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer theme, " Are You Listening," challenges us to listen to the words of our Lord and take the necessary steps to put our faith into action.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has been and continues to be a partner with local churches, Baptist associations, national and international missions organizations in response to our Acts 1:8 mandate. How can you be part of the work? Listen and obey.

2006 Facts and Figures about North Carolina:

- Population – 8,856,505
- Largest number of ethnic churches - Hispanic.
- Number of Baptist churches in state – 4,078
- Number of baptisms – 22,576

✏ Membership in North Carolina Baptist churches – 1,122,343

Prison Ministry

May I take this time to say thank you for placing your confidence in me as your chaplain at Mountain View Correctional Institution. I have been involved with this ministry since March 1, 2006. For the past year (August 2006-July 2007) we have seen 126 souls saved and 349 rededications. We were honored to baptize 24 men last year.

Another one of the ministries that I look after here at Mountain View is called the Love Ministry. This ministry was developed for the men that are considered indigent or have no money coming in from the outside. Men that have jobs or receive money from their family are able to purchase certain food items from the canteen and donate these items to the Chaplain's Office where we then bag up those items and give them to the men that are in need. Last year, this ministry was able to reach 118 men who were in need.

In August 2006, a "Celebrate Freedom Rally" was held, conducted by Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions for the Mitchell Baptist Association. This special service honored veterans in all branches of the armed forces. There were 28 men in attendance. Also in the month, Gulf Coast Ministries held three-day revival services with 284 men in attendance.

In September 2006, the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Team conducted three-day revival services. There were 198 men in attendance. The ministry team came again in July 2007. There were 244 men in attendance and 10 men were either saved or rededicated their lives to Christ.

In October 2006, the Forgiven Ministries came in and showed a Christian film along with several men on the team witnessing to the men, and the ministry also provided some much needed cosmetics for all the prisoners. There were over 540 men who attended the service and 16 of them professed Christ as Savior. Also in

October, "New Beginnings," with Chaplain Keith Honeycutt held three-day revival services. There were 324 men in attendance.

In November 2006, the Forgiven Ministries with Scottie Barnes held a "One Day with God" Camp at Mountain View. The ministry team came and brought the children of our men to spend the day with their fathers. Several volunteers from around the community also helped with this ministry.

In December 2006, 12 local churches (9 Baptist churches) came into the facility and held special services and brought Christmas dinners for 864 men. During the services, volunteers sang Christmas carols and gave testimonials. Also during the month, the Mountain Movers' Choir and Redeemed Drama Team presented a special Christmas Cantata/Drama entitled, "The Birth of Jesus." There were 99 men in attendance.

In March, 2007, "Fireproof" which is a Christian strongman team from Asheville, conducted a special demonstration and ministry service in the gym. There were 240 men in attendance. There were 22 men that rededicated their lives to Christ.

In April 2007, the Liberty Hill Baptist Church brought supper for about 130 men and the Redeemed Drama Team (that are a group of about 15-20 men) put on the "No Greater Love" and the pastor of Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Rev. David Philbeck, spoke to the congregation and gave an invitation where 3 men were saved with 20 rededications.

In May 2007, Truth in Love Ministries with Donnie Burns conducted three days of special worship services. There were 267 men in attendance and several men rededicated their lives to Christ. Also in May, One-man Quartet – Terry Hall, came to Mountain View to hold a special concert for the men. There were 48 men in attendance.

In June 2007, the Redeemed Drama Team conducted a special Father's Day service. There were 126 men in attendance.

I also want to say that several volunteers from the community have helped us a lot and I really appreciate them very much.

Again, may I say thank you for your continued support and to

those who have recently started supporting us. May God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
Chaplain Don Stafford

What A Volunteer Chaplain Means To Me

My name is Thomas Estes and I am an inmate at Mountain View Correctional Institution. I have been incarcerated for over 18½ years on a life sentence. Since 1991, I have been associated with the Chaplaincy Services at several correctional facilities and have been a Chaplain's Clerk for over 12½ years.

During all the time spent working around the Chaplains' offices, I have come to understand just how valuable and necessary volunteer chaplains are to the various ministries they serve at their respective facilities. Most correctional facilities have a State Chaplain but that individual's time is limited due to having to make sure all the "t's are crossed" and "i's are dotted" while the volunteer chaplain is able to spend more of his time getting to know the men and providing much needed personal ministry.

Volunteer chaplains have been important to me throughout my incarceration, but no more so than when I lost my mother in December of 2002. I saw first hand just how much volunteer chaplains are needed as I was allowed to contact my family and be with them at the funeral home on the day of her funeral. Even recently, at this facility, Chaplain Stafford assisted me in contacting my brother who just had cancer surgery.

I cannot express enough how important volunteer chaplains are to me and every other inmate incarcerated in prison. Just knowing that there is someone who will sit down and take their time to listen to your problems lifts a really huge burden off of a man's shoulders. It has made me come to realize that without volunteer chaplains, many incarcerated men would never take the time to talk

with someone about any problems that they may have, which would not allow those men to face their problems and eventually overcome them.

I would like to thank everyone necessary for being allowed the opportunity to express my thoughts concerning this matter.

Thomas Estes

Biblical Recorder

Tony Cartledge, editor for the past nine years, has retired from the *Biblical Recorder* to become associate professor of Old Testament at Campbell University Divinity School. In July the board elected Norman Jameson, a journalist with 30 years' experience in Baptist communications, as the new editor.

Jameson, 54, comes most recently from the staff of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, where he was executive leader for public relations and resource development. He started his career in 1977 as feature editor of Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist Convention's daily news service. He also has been associate news director for Southwestern Seminary, associate editor of the Oklahoma *Baptist Messenger*, director of communications and editor of *Charity and Children* for Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina and for five years was a consultant in public relations and capital fund raising.

The *Recorder's* position as a source of news, features, inspiration and connection is growing stronger as more people get their news daily – or more often – through the www.biblicalrecorder.org web site. Recently that site has received 300,000 visitors monthly. The *Recorder* is committed to keeping the news web site vital and current. It is a phenomenal source of searchable history for the past 10 years of North Carolina Baptist life. Yet it is current to the hour.

At this point, use of the web site for readers is without charge. Staff is investigating ways the web site might return revenue to the

Recorder, although web culture internationally is that content is free. The *Recorder* sells unobtrusive advertising on the site and will look to expand that presence.

On the print side, the *Recorder* remains the single greatest source for North Carolina Baptists to stay in touch with each other and to stay informed about their cooperative work worldwide. Where else are you going to learn about a church fire, pastor and staff movement, a successful Vacation Bible School, youth weeks at Caswell and about the work of your Conventions – locally, nationally and internationally?

In addition to keeping you informed of the regular workings of your cooperative efforts, the *Recorder* is going to bring special issues, addressing topics of interest to young families, parents and grandparents. The person in your church with no real interest in denominational issues will still find valuable information on daily living in the *Recorder*.

Postage went up $1,400 per issue in July, which translates to $38,000 annually, which will necessitate a subscription cost increase, pending board action in October. Cooperative Program receipts are trailing projections through July 2007, resulting in further budget shortfall.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, then in 1939 became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the Baptist State Convention, and serves the full spectrum of its churches.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program Missions Giving contributions from churches, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at subscription rates below the actual cost of production. You can receive a free three-month subscription for yourself and your friends. Contact: Biblical Recorder, 232 W. Millbrook Road, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919)847-2127
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North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) is the domestic missions agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. Our defined mission is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States, Canada and U.S. territories in effectively performing these functions.

We do this by focusing on three major objectives: sharing Christ, starting churches, and sending missionaries. Did you know:

☞Three out of four people in the U.S. and Canada do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

☞ More than four Southern Baptist churches are started every day in the U.S. and Canada.

☞ Over 5,000 missionaries are proclaiming the gospel in North America. There are three categories of missionaries serving through NAMB: Career, Limited Term and Mission Service Corps.

Most North American Mission Board missions personnel are jointly funded with state Baptist conventions and receive support from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The 2007 goal was $57 million, of which 100% will directly support missionaries and their ministries.

The agency also provides assistance to churches, associations, and state conventions in church planting and evangelism, including soul-winning training, interfaith witness, and church and community ministries.

Southern Baptists have a goal of doubling the number of Southern Baptist churches by the year 2020. Mission pastors serve English-speaking and language churches in rural and urban settings.

Church and community ministries such as Pregnancy Care Centers, literacy missions, Baptist center work, weekday ministries, and immigration and hunger ministries result in more than 30,000 professions of faith each year.

There were 1,715 high school and college students who

answered God's call as summer, sojourner, or semester missionaries last year resulting in 1,016 professions of faith and 682 rededications.

All seven Southern Baptist seminaries including the Canadian Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have Nehemiah Project professors in place. Because of this partnership to mobilize new church planters, nearly 900 church planter interns have been appointed to serve in summer, semester, and full-time capacities.

More than 50,000 people are trained in Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. In partnership with Baptist state conventions, more than 17 million meals were served in 2006 to victims of disasters.

The vision statement of the NAMB is as follows: "We see a day when every person in every community in the United States and Canada will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel, respond with faith in Christ, and participate in a New Testament fellowship of believers."

International Mission Board

Exciting progress continues to spread among the nations through baptisms, new church starts and the ongoing spread of the Gospel.. The International Mission Board has been charged with the task of leading churches to evangelize all people outside the United States and Canada.. Over 5,000 missionaries serve through the IMB.

We rejoice in new people groups being engaged with the Gospel, more baptisms, new churches and leaders discipled and trained. But numbers are not the main point.

Each of the 479,000 baptisms represents a new believer who has been born again and has assurance of eternal life because of personal faith in Jesus Christ. Each of the 23,000 new churches represents an ongoing nucleus of witness in a community where that witness previously did not exist. And churches reproduce as believers are discipled and trained to share their faith and lead others. The latest annual report shows that 158,000 leaders

participated in nonresidential training, and 20,000 others studied in Bible schools and seminaries.

Last year, Southern Baptist workers asked for prayer for the Western Cham, a predominantly Muslim group of 150,000 in Cambodia. A year later, the region reported how God moved among them.

An associate with the region shared how one Southern Baptist worker's decision to "go out with a bang" helped make this happen. Before going on stateside assignment, the worker shared his faith with several Muslim friends who had not yet heard the Gospel.

"When he got back, he found that the Lord had been using that message, and there were a number of people who had come to faith in Christ during his absence," said the associate. "Over the next year or so they saw about 1,500 Western Cham come to know the Lord."

Since then, the Gospel has spread to more than twice that number. The latest report shows that 3,400 of them have accepted Christ. Southern Baptist workers also have helped distribute portions of the Bible to them in their own language; and the "JESUS" film is on the way.

In Northern Africa and the Middle East, the region has shown progress after nearly doubling from 57 new churches to 101 in one year.

In Central Asia, one people group in the region increased from 760 baptisms to 4,500 baptisms in one year.

In South Asia, the region nearly doubled in new church starts by growing from more than 1,700 to 3,400. They also reported 48,489 baptisms.

In West Africa, in one year, moved from 350 new church starts to more than 600. The region also increased in new believers in discipleship from 30,140 to 66,101.

While we rejoice at the power of God in these statistics, we are always aware of the other side of the picture.

Out of 6.6 billion people, more than 16.5 billion of them still

have little or no access to the Gospel. That is reason enough for God's people to continue spreading His Word around the globe.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will be coming up soon. This year's theme for the Week of Prayer and this offering is "Tell Me The Story of Jesus." This offering is collected for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work. The goal for the 2007 offering, which will be received until May 31, 2008, is $165 million.

During 2007 the International Mission Board is focusing on the former Soviet Union. One of the world's largest military empires, the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, opening doors for Christians to share their faith. But those doors could be closing, and 350 people groups remain unreached.

This year, won't you lead your church to give generously to the Lottie Moon offering so the lost can hear that same simple story that changed your life?

Christian Action League of North Carolina

The Christian Action League currently represents conservative evangelicals from 15 Christian denominations in the Tar Heel State that cooperatively address the social, ethical and moral issues impacting the lives of Christians today. The Christian Action League ministers in several areas of vital concern, making it strategic to the moral climate of North Carolina.

We are in the General Assembly of North Carolina with a full-time presence promoting legislation that is consistent with a Christian world view. We advocate for those measures that strengthen the family and oppose legislation that would erode the family structure. We are the voice of conservative evangelical Christians in the State Legislature.

We discourage the promotion and use of alcohol and other drugs, pornography, sexual immorality and other sinful practices

that not only undermine the spiritual lives of those who participate in them, but also undermine the strength of our State and National character.

Today the Christian Action League has representatives serving on its Advisory Board in nearly all 100 counties of the Tar Hill state. It has the largest network of members, volunteers, and churches of any Christian Public Policy organization in North Carolina.

The long session of the 2007-2008 biennium of the North Carolina General Assembly adjourned on Thursday, August 2. All the dangerously critical legislation that the Christian Action League had been informing and warning its constituents about failed to advance as legislative successes.

"But for the grace of God and the efforts of passionate Christian activism, measures that would have codified homosexuals as a specially protected class, research that would have destroyed embryos with the support of tax dollars, and the proliferation of alcohol sales – all would have become reality in this state," said Rev. Mark Creech, executive director of the Christian Action League. "As I traveled on the one hour drive back home on Thursday night, my heart was lifted in thanksgiving toward heaven again and again. I believe God in His mercy continues to spare us," he added.

CAL continues to provide critical information regarding social and moral issues via its interactive website www.christianactionleague.org. The website seeks to keep the church abreast of the latest developments in the culture war – both from a national and statewide perspective.

Whenever an urgent legislative issue arises in the General Assembly of North Carolina, CAL typically responds by sending out an *Urgent Action Alert*. These alerts are designed not simply to inform Christians, but to mobilize them at the grassroots level. Their purpose is to encourage constituents to put pressure on their lawmakers to vote on legislation a certain way.

One of our most important tasks is training, developing, and

motivating Christians to be involved in the political process. We want to mobilize Christians to be as Jesus commanded them to be – the salt and light of the earth. Christians are to arrests and expose such contemporary issues as abortion, gambling, suicide, sex education, homosexuality, and we provide the information and help needed to deal with these critical issues.

The Baptist Association Then and Now 1707-2007

The 2007 Associational Emphasis has been "Then and Now." This year marks 300 years of service by associations to churches of all sizes and in all locations.

From its beginning in 1707 in Phila-delphia to the present day, the Baptist Association has played a key role in the missional efforts of Southern Baptist churches.

Over the past 300 years the Baptist Association has gone through many changes and at times seemed to lose its focus of helping and assisting the churches. However, the Baptist Association has always been and remains today a strong mission partner with churches seeking to make a Kingdom impact in their world.

Your local Baptist Association is in a unique position to reaffirm the primacy of the church and to assist your church as it shares the life changing Good News of Jesus Christ. As on mission churches are faithful to their calling and as their Baptist Association joins hands with them, lives will be touched and our world will be changed by the power of that message.

Director of Missions

What does the future hold for Avery Baptist Association? Where do you see yourselves in the next five years? What needs to be done to get there? These are all valid questions that need to be

answered.

The association has had a wonderful year! We had a very successful coat drive for West Virginia, a Mid-Winter Youth Rally in January and Reality Check in July for the Youth. We had an associational "Bible Drill Workshop" attended by four churches. We sponsored a mission trip to Gulfport, a food drive for Baptist Children's Homes, a Senior Adult Rally and were very active in the prison and veterans ministries.

The local association as we have come to know it is going through a time of significant transition. Because of computers and the cyber era, the association has evolved past the age of just being focused on resources, information, promotions and programs. Anyone who has access to the internet can now download the information and resources that they, at one time, relied on the association for.

The needs of our people and churches are changing. You are going to be faced with issues that you have never had to deal with before. All of these problems either will be, or, are already affecting the ministry of the local church and the association. It is absolutely essential that we prepare ourselves to face what lies ahead and for the association to be on the front line with you in your battle.

You will find listed some of the problems that we will be facing, along with the steps that we are taking as an association to help you with your situation. These include:

Immigration:

-Form a committee to look into the situation and make recommendations to the churches

-Have an open dialogue with Hispanic pastors and seek their input in the situation.

- Schedule at least one evangelistic event each year targeting the Hispanic community.

Separation of Church and State issues:
-Schedule a conference for teachers, school administrators, school board officials and parents and invite a representative from the Rutherford Institute to speak on this issue.

Hate Crime Laws (Homosexuality in the churches)
-Keep the association updated on the progress being made to pass a national Hate Crimes Law.
-Support the work of organizations like the Christian Action League, Family Policy Council, etc.

All in all our association is in wonderful shape. We certainly give praise to the Lord for all that He has done to make this past year such a success. Our prayer is that the coming year will be even better.

Respectfully Submitted,
Daniel Whetstine, Director

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
Oct. 1, 2006 - Sept. 29, 2007

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	$34,502.27
Baptist State Convention	$8,213.29
Other (Min.Bks, Transfer of Funds, etc.)	$3,585.56
Total Receipts	$46,301.12

DISBURSEMENTS;

Total Disbursements (Oct. 1, 2006 - Sept. 29, 2007)	$48,078.19
Cash on Deposit, Sept. 30, 2006	$2,865.48
Add Total Receipts for Fiscal Year	$46,301.12
Total	$49,166.60
Less Total Disbursements	$48,078.19
Cash on Deposit - Sept. 29, 2007	
General Account	$1,088.41
Reserve Account	$4,450.24
Total On Hand	$5,538.65

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET – 2006 - 2007

	Budgeted	Proposed
100 KEY LEADERSHIP		
101 Sunday School	100.00	100.00
102 Baptist Men	50.00	0
103 Evangelism	500.00	500.00
104 WMU	450.00	450.00
105 VBS	100.00	0
106 Youth Ministry	800.00	600.00
107 Speakers Honorarium	250.00	250.00
	2,250.00	1,900.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary	10,400.00	10,400.00
202 Social Security	1,439.00	1,439.00
203 Utilities & Housing	5,600.00	5,600.00
	17,039.00	17,039.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 DOM Expense Reimbursement	1,700.00	1,700.00
302 Office Telephone	800.00	800.00
303 Office Supplies	1,300.00	1,200.00
304 Office Equipment	900.00	600.00
305 Office Utilities	1,300.00	1,300.00
306 Newsletter Postage	800.00	1,000.00
307 Secretary	7,600.00	4,000.00
308 Cell Phone Expense	250.00	250.00
	14,650.00	10,850.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy	2,000.00	2000.00
402 Veterans Ministry	1,200.00	1,200.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund	800.00	800.00
	4,000.00	4,000.00
500 MISC. EXPENSES		
501 Insurance (Equip. & Building)	1,000.00	1,000.00
502 Health Insurance	8,000.00	8,000.00
503 Building Maintenance	600.00	600.00
504 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00
505 Convention Expense	600.0	600.00

506 Christmas Gift	400.00	400.00
507 Treasurer	300.00	300.00
508 Clerk	300.00	300.00
509 Quarterly Tax Reports	500.00	500.00
510 Christmas Gift, Secretary	250.00	250.00
511 Pastors & Wives ChristmasDin	500.00	500.00
	12,650.00	12,650.00
Total	50,589.00	46,439.00

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES

CHURCH	CONTRIBUTIONS (Oct. 1, 2006 - Sept. 30, 2007)
Aaron	2,200.00
Beech Mountain	1,602.00
Big Meadows	440.00
Chestnut Dale	500.00
Cranberry	1,838.00
Crossnore First	6,660.44
Elk Park First	.00
Fall Creek	5,006.96
Green Valley	300.00
Jonas Ridge	429.47
Minneapolis	1,575.00
New Life	705.00
Oak Grove	100.00
Pilgrim	.00
Pineola	1,200.00
Pleasant Hill	4,962.99
Pleasant Valley	656.00
Powdermill	1,100.00
Stameytown	174.25

Sugar Mountain	1,689.16
Valley Haven	2,166.00
Whites Memorial	300.00
Yellow Mountain	900.00
NC Convention	8,213.29
Other (Misc)	3,582.56

Total: $46,301.12

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
2006 - 2007

AARON - Rev. Dennis Aldridge
BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Junella Church, Eddie Storey, Nanette Story
BIG MEADOWS - Rev. Wesley Duncan, Patsy Carpenter
CHESTNUT DALE - Conley Huffman
CRANBERRY - Rev. David Burnop
CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Harry Platt, LeNita Platt
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GREEN VALLEY -
JONAS RIDGE - Rev. Mike Rathbone, Sam Franklin, Virginia Franklin
LONG RIDGE -
NEW LIFE - Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Joan Whetstine
OAK GROVE - Rev. Ron Greene
PILGRIM -
PINEOLA - Rev. Larry Belas, Mr. & Mrs. B. W. McNeely, Linda Carpenter
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PLEASANT VALLEY - Rev. John McCoury
POWDERMILL - Rev. Harold Dellinger

STAMEYTOWN - Simon Franklin, Tommy Carpenter, Dixie Carpenter
SUGAR MOUNTAIN - Rev. Don Ford, Debbie Ford, David Banner, Barbara Banner, Dot Hartley
VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strayhan, Loretta Strahan, Joe Perry, Clara Perry, Mr. And Mrs. Bill McCurdy
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
2007 - 2008

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Vice - Moderator.....Larry Belas
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Assistant Treasurer.....Beth Crawford
Clerk.....Carolyn Church
AssistantClerk.....
Sunday School Director.....Susie Smith

W M U Director.....Donna Burnop
Baptist Men Director.....Rev. Dennis Aldridge
Evangelism Director.....Rev. Jacob Willis
Pianist.....Carolyn Church
Music Director.....Harry Platt

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Dennis Church
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Director of Missions
Moderator
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Rufus Biddix
Lynda Carpenter

TRUSTEES
Joe B. Perry
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Simon Franklin

Statistical Information

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
Training
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60-Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Aaron	109	91	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	190	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Cranberry	81	75	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Crossnore	544	500	7	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	3	0
Elk Park	95	65	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Fall Creek	160	88	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	44	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	208	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	318	314	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	288	252	6	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
PleasantVal.	40	40	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	50	18	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	55	39	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	41	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	133	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	2517	1920	34	0	4	10	2	1	5	0	25	0

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

6-Year Organized 8-Location(A-J) 10-C-Type Miss Started 12-Lost/Unchurched 14-Interc. Prayer
7-Year Pastor Came 9-AM Wor. Ser. Att. 11-C-Type Miss. Oper. 13-Ass. Miss. On % Basis

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Aaron	1849	2001	75	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Beech Mt.	1869	1996	33	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Big Meadows	1845	0	85	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Chestnut Dale	1903	0	66	0	0	N	N	N
Cranberry	1907	1997	65	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	1907	1983	300	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Elk Park	1897	1993	32	0	0	N	N	Y
Fall Creek	1886	2003	42	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Green Valley	1897	0	36	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Jonas Ridge	1887	2003	82	0	0	Y	Y	Y

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	2003	2003	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	1900	1999	130	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	1913	2005	45	0	0	0	Y	0
Pleasant Hill	1903	2000	125	0	0	0	Y	0
PleasantVal.	1893	0	35	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	1914	1991	90	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	1947	2001	25	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	1950	2002	45	0	0	0	0	Y
Valley Haven	1948	1993	16	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	1949	2006	50	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals			1427					

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

15-Total S.S. Enrol. 15b-(6-11) 15d-(18-24) 15f-(35-54) 15h-(65-up) 15j-Other Bible Study 17-SS Not Member
15a-(Birth-5) 15c-(12-17) 15e-(25-34) 15g-(55-64) 15i-Gen Officers 16-Avg Wkly SS Att 18-VBS

Congregation	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	15j	16	17	18
Aaron	78	2	6	6	2	4	2	10	28	2	24	47	0	22
Beech Mt.	82	7	11	6	6	3	24	8	19	6	0	39	1	46
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	59	5	5	6	1	12	4	9	6	7	0	31	0	65
Cranberry	60	6	8	4	4	4	10	12	36	2	0	50	0	70
Crossnore	339	27	35	44	20	38	75	62	6	2	0	214	0	188
Elk Park	45	3	4	2	9	7	4	6	14	2	0	30	1	45
Fall Creek	60	5	4	3	1	4	19	10	10	8	36	44	4	36
Green Valley	26	0	1	0	0	0	7	8	8	0	16	24	10	0
Jonas Ridge	77	4	6	4	3	6	14	7	12	0	25	65	25	40

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	114	9	15	12	9	8	33	14	11	3	0	70	0	136
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	30
Pleasant Hill	155	22	15	6	10	24	24	28	23	3	0	110	30	129
Pleasant Valley	50	2	5	3	10	10	10	5	5	0	0	23	0	87
Powdermill	115	4	4	12	16	25	25	27	12	0	0	60	0	72
Stameytown	30	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	18	2	0	20	0	18
Sugar Mtn.	49	1	1	6	2	2	9	3	14	10	0	25	0	40
Valley Haven	41	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	27	5	0	26	0	0
Whites Mem.	48	6	3	6	5	4	5	6	6	7	0	34	3	90
Yellow Mtn.	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc.Totals:	1503	103	123	125	98	151	269	225	255	59	101	947	74	1114

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total D.T. 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up) 20-Total Short Term 20b-(6-11) 20d-Adults & Gen. Officers
19a-(Birth-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Gen. Off. 20a-(Birth-5) 20c-(12-17)

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	75	4	35	14	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	55	7	10	6	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	25	1	1	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	21	2	10	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	176	14	56	29	73	0	0	0	0	0	0

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

21-Total Music Enrollment 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up)
21a-(3-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Aaron	18	0	0	0	18	0
Beech Mt.	25	0	11	6	8	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	10	0	0	0	0	10
Cranberry	30	4	5	6	15	0
Crossnore	120	10	5	40	45	20
Elk Pa rk	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	38	3	4	2	29	0
Green Valley	17	0	1	0	13	3
Jonas Ridge	30	0	0	0	0	30

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	45	5	15	0	25	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	11	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	85	12	15	7	45	6
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	21	0	1	1	19	0
Whites Mem	18	0	2	2	6	8
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	468	34	59	64	223	77

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

23-Tot. WMU Enroll 23b_(6-11) 23d-(18-Up) 24-Tot. Bro. Enroll 24b-(12-17) 24d-Miss. Grps
23a-(Birth-5) 23c-(12-17) 23e-WMU Lead Team 24a-(6-11) 24c-(18-Up) 25-Other

Congregation	23	23a	23b	23c	23d	23e	24	24a	24b	24c	24d	25
Aaron	27	0	0	0	24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	13	0	0	0	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	15	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	95	12	0	0	70	5	8	40	0	0	38	2
Elk Park	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	27	0	4	0	20	3	0	8	0	0	0	0

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	15	0	0	0	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	37	10	5	5	12	5	0	19	12	5	2	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	236	22	9	5	149	21	23	67	12	5	40	0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

26-Undes. Gifts 28-Other Receipts 30-Assoc. Miss 32-Annie Armstrong 34-Other SBC Missions Exp.
27-Desig. Gifts 29-Co-op Program 31-State Miss 33-Lottie Moon 35-Non-SBC Mission Exp.

Congregation	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	35,848	26,673	0	1,467	2,148	0	500	909	0	2,086
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	69,543	0	0	500	500	500	0	500	1,500	1,000
Cranberry	65,600	0	0	0	3,089	0	530	331	1,583	3,384
Crossnore	440,603	162,026	3191	98,621	9,335	0	4,447	7,320	7,850	8,100
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	66,374	3,553	498	6,600	4,950	367	411	452	1,003	2,476
Green Valley	22,105	1,962	0	0	300	518	680	764	0	3,646
Jonas Ridge	28,135	1,500	0	1,060	398	0	300	300	0	0

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	151,339	60,419	9,230	6,000	100	0	3,000	2,400	0	20,369
Pineola	58,325	0	0	6,512	1,200	537	350	3,227	4,684	1,200
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	147,417	7,399	0	0	4,811	1,604	6,950	24,289	3,605	20,000
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn	54,510	17,360	0	300	1,736	600	600	600	0	0
Valley Haven	20,009	1,000	0	2,166	0	0	0	0	0	441
Whites Mem.	31,742	10,875	703	405	300	0	0	600	600	955
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc.Totals:	1,191,550	292,767	13,622	123,631	28,867	4,126	17,768	41,692	20,825	63,657

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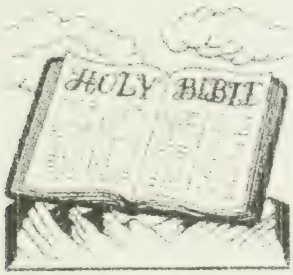

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CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
OF THE
AVERY SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Also referred to as the Association, Avery Association or ABA

PURPOSE

1.) The association will provide an organization in which affiliated churches may voluntarily cooperate as we work together for the Lord.
2.) The association will engage in efforts that draw upon the unified strength of the cooperating churches, allowins us to accomplish tasks that could not be done by individual churches.
3.) The association will encourage, assist, and train the affiliated churches but will not exert authority on the churches. Each church is independent regarding leadership, worship style, and curch polity.

MEMBERSHIP

1.) Membership shall consist of those churches which have petitioned for membership, been accepted by an appropriate vote of the association, and maintain fellowship according to these by-laws:

A.) The faith and practice of member churches will agree with accepted articles of faith that are common in our association and the Southern Baptist Convention.

B.) The churches will provide a letter of report to the annual association meeting.

C.) The churches will assist in the work of the association through financial support as each church is able. A goal of 3% of church receipts is suggested as a minimal contribution level for the association. Each church should prayerfully support the association and should encourage member churches in their ministry.

D.) Each church having 100 members or less shall be entitled to 3 messengers to the annual meeting, with an additional messenger for every 50 members over 100. The pastor of each church may also serve as a messenger.

E.) The association is the sole judge of its membership and may receive or reject churches according to its by-laws. Member churches may also withdraw if they desire by providing written notice to the association office.

F.) The Membership Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and 3 others elected annually. This committee will examine requests from any church desiring membership.

G.) Associational meetings will be held semi-annually in spring and fall, and the meetings will be held at member churches as they choose to act as host church. The Moderator will preside at these meetings and Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

OFFICERS & DUTIES

All officers shall be members of the affiliated churches and elected by the majority vote of the association. The officers shall be:

1.) Moderator: The moderator shall preside at all meetings, is an ex-officio member of all committees, and shall not serve longer than 2 consecutive years.

2.) Vice-Moderator: The person will assist the moderator and preside at meetings in the absence of the moderator. The person will also serve as chairman of the program committee.

3.) Clerk: This person will maintain records of the proceedings of the association and shall assist in publishing the minutes and other important documents of the association.

4.) Assistant Clerk: The person will assist the clerk in all tasks and shall serve as clerk in the clerk's absence.

5.) Treasurer: This person will maintain all financial records, provide financial reports as needed, and serve with the finance committee.

6.) Assistant Treasurer: Should assist the treasurer and shall serve in that

office should the treasurer be absent or unable to perform the duties.

COMMITTEES

All members of standing committees will be on a rotating basis unless an exception is noted in the committee description.

1.) The Membership Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and three other members chosen from member churches. The purpose will be to consider questions of membership in the association.

2.) The Finance Committee will consist of six members, with the Treasurer and two pastors currently serving churches in the association included on the committee. The remaining members will be recommended by the nominating committee with no church having more than one representative and each member serving a minimum of two years and a maximum of five years. The purpose shall be to recommend the annual associational budget and assist in other financial matters as needed.

3.) The Nominating Committee will consist of the Director of Missions, Moderator, and three others who are not serving in an elected associational position at the time they are placed on the committee. The duties are to contact and recommend candidates for all general officers, department heads, and committees. The committee will also fill and vacancies that may arise within the year.

4.) The Program and Place Committee will consist of the Vice-Moderator and two others recommended by the nominating committee. The purpose shall be to determine the location for both spring and fall general sessions and determine the agenda and speakers for all sessions.

5.) The Trustee Committee will consist of three persons who shall have the responsibility of caring for deeds for associational property and signing notes, mortgages, and other legal documents on behalf of the association.

6.) The Properties Committee will have three members who will direct the

maintenance and repair of all physical property of the association.

7.) The Resolutions Committee will have two members who shall present to the association sessions the resolutions that have been referred to them or that they determine to be appropriate.

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the messengers present at the general session provided the amendment has been presented in writing at the previous general session.

Proceedings
Avery Baptist Association
Annual Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2008

The annual meeting of the Avery Baptist Association was held at Minneapolis Baptist Church located at Minneapolis, North Carolina on Monday, October 6, 2008. The meeting began at 3:30p.m. Rev. Jacob Willis, Moderator and pastor of Fall Creek Baptist Church, called the meeting to order and welcomed all who were present. The theme for the meeting was "Being Faithful to Our Vision."

A congregational hymn was led by Mr. Harry Platt, followed by scripture and prayer by Rev. Bryan Griffith, Pastor of Minneapolis Baptist Church.

Carolyn Church, clerk, did the roll call of churches. For the first session a total of 12 churches was represented, with thirty-six delegates in attendance.

There was no miscellaneous business brought to the attention of the association. Also, no new pastors were introduced.

Rev. Daniel Whetstine, Director of Missions, gave his final report.

Rev. Whetstine began as the director of missions in August, 1993, and will serve in that capacity until December, 2008. He has agreed to be interim director until such time as the nominating committee finds another director.

A congrgational hymn was led by Mr. Harry Platt.

The treasurer's report, as well as the budget and finance report, were given by Mrs. Jennifer Willis. A motion was made and accepted to adopt these reports presented.

Rev. Larry Belas, Pastor of Pineola Baptist Church, gave the nominating committee report and made a motion to adopt the report. Motion carried.

Mr. Harry Platt requested the he be relieved of his duties as music director for the association. A motion was made to elect Mrs. Grace Calhoun to fill this position, to which she agreed. Motion carried.

The memorials report was not available due to not having all the reports from the association churches. This report will be forthcoming.

Rev. Dennis Aldridge mentioned his concern that the association be considering a method of finding a new director of missions. It was suggested that all churches have input in this decision.

Next, a report was given by Rev. Lewis Smith, Western Area Director of North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. He encouraged the association to continue on and complimented them for their work. He reported on the "Ride the West" project, which was conducted in order to raise funds for N.C. Baptist Children's Homes. Rev. Smith rode a bicycle 500 miles across western North Carolina in order to raise money for this cause. He presented a very interesting slide show of his trip. His goal was to raise $50,000.00. however, he was able to raise $75,395.10 for the cause. Rev. Smith also showed a video related to the N.C. Baptist's November Thanksgiving offering, which encouraged churches to contribute to this offering.

Rev. Jacob Willis presented a plaque from the association to Rev. Daniel Whetstine and his wife, Joan, in honor and appreciation of their many years of service and dedication.

Special music for the first session was provided by Carolyn Church.

The annual sermon was given by Rev. Daniel Whetstine. Scripture was taken from Matthew chapter 14, verses 22-31. Rev. Whetstine challenged the association to set their goals high and to trust the Lord in all things. He encouraged them to have faith and to "get out of the boat" and step out for God.

The blessing was asked and delegates were dismissed for supper.

The second session of the associational meeting was called to order by Rev. Jacob Willis.

A congregational hymn was led by Mr. Harry Platt.

Rev. Larry Belas read scripture from 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 5, verse 24, followed by prayer.

Carolyn Church, Clerk, did the roll call of churches for the second session. A total of 12 churches were represented, with a total of 43 delegates present.

Special music for the second session was provided by Carolyn Church, as well as Rev. Bryan Griffith.

Dr. Thad Dowdle gave the Challenge Message for the association. Scripture was taken from Acts, chapter 26, verses 13-23. The message theme was "Living in the Light of Heaven." He spoke of ways to live in "the light." He challenged everyone to be faithful to the mission the Lord gives them. Some challenge questions presented were: "What is the Lord's vision and your vision for what He wants you to be?", "Will you let God use you however He sees fit?". We were encouraged to stay close to the shepherd so "you don't have to strain to hear His voice."

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dennis Church.

AGAIN, THANKS TO MINNEAPOLIS BAPTIST CHURCH FOR HOSTING THE AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Church, Clerk

Baptist Hospital

When Jesus saw people suffering from illness, he was moved with compassion and extended healing hands of mercy. His care remains the same today, and he calls upon us to be instruments of God's love and hope to those who are hurting. We at Baptist Hospital are grateful to be partners with North Carolina Baptists in serving Christ and fulfilling our mission – "to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God.

– We are ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" by *U.S. News and World Report* (2007).

– The "Best Doctors in America" (2007) includes 181 physicians from the Medical Center.

– Our Heart Center received a three-star rating (the highest) from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, reflecting the high quality of heart care and cardiac surgery.

– Our Comprehensive Cancer center has been named a "Blue Distinction Center for Complex and Rare Cancers" by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

– Our patient satisfaction ratings continue to be among the Nation's best, in the top 1% compared to hospitals in our peer group.

To make an appointment with one of our physicians or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255. Our web site is www.wfubmc.edu.

Our partnership with North Carolina Baptists extends the ministry of churches and enlarges our mission of "providing ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ." We are thankful for the support of the Cooperative Program giving and the life-changing impact of what we accomplish together in "God's Kingdom."

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers extend the ministry of churches through compassionate, faith-integrated counseling to thousands of hurting individuals, marriages and families.

Over 28,000 hours of counseling will be provided in 2008, with

ministers being among the largest referral sources.

Our statewide network of 21 CareNet centers covers 80 counties in North Carolina. New ministries include services to military personnel and families to help them cope with the stress of combat and extended deployments; residencies to train the next generation of pastoral counselors; and education services to strengthen our care for churches.

The Center for Congregational Health enhances the ministry of churches through Christ-centered consultation and leadership development programs for clergy.

Our consultants serve nearly 25 churches a month with ministries of conflict reconciliation, strategic visioning and planning, and team development. Nearly 600 ministers and church leaders will be better equipped for service in 2008 through the Center's educational programs. Over 2,000 ministers have been trained to serve churches through interim ministry.

A Baptist deacon says, "Our church has come through a painful, divisive conflict to renewed hope and excitement for our future thanks to the Center for Congregational Health."

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education department provides life-changing education for ministers and compassionate spiritual care for our patients, families and staff. A Baptist minister says, "The pastoral education at Baptist was the best training I've ever had in my life. A patient's wife says, "I could never say thank you enough to the chaplains for helping me through my husband's illness and death."

There were 62,215 ministry contacts made by Baptist Hospital chaplains in 2007. In 2008, 45 students will complete accredited units of training in Clinical Pastoral Education.

The Mother's Day Offering is for sharing Christ's love with patients in need. Thanks to the generous compassion of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering received $727,884 in 2007, a new record! Every dollar helps patients in financial need pay hospital bills for care received at Baptist, in the name of Jesus Christ and His love. These patients have no other means of assistance, having too much to qualify for government

assistance but not enough to pay their hospital bills. The feel the hand of God lifting their burdens through you, and their gratitude is life-changing. For example:

"Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for paying my hospital bill at Baptist Hospital. I had lost my job after working 30 years and didn't know what I would do. God answered my prayers through you. I know He guided you to help me and I praise Him for you."

"My wife and I are thankful beyond words for this gift. Our world changed after the accident. We were so worried about her hospital bill. The kindness of good Baptist people lifted our burden and helped her healing process. They strengthened our faith in God's care."

The minister's subsidy covers up to 25% of the hospital bills of ministers (and their dependents) serving North Carolina Baptist churches for care received at Baptist Hospital. In 2007, $85,151 was provided to these ministers, made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund and the Mother's Day Offering.

At Baptist Hospital, our mission of healing is a sacred privilege and responsibility. We bring the best care possible to those who entrust their lives to us, combining medical excellence and simple compassion for those we serve. We see God's healing power at work every day, and we are thankful. We are grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in the mission that God has given us.

Respectfully submitted,
Donny C. Lambeth, Interim President

GuideStone Financial Resources

The GuideStone Team of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina exists to educate and inform key lay leaders who are the decision

makers in our churches, and to facilitate the delivery of important products and services to the employees of the more than 4,000 churches affiliated with our state convention. Specifically, we use a variety of delivery methods to enhance the procurement of the following for church employees: **Insurance Products** (Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Medical, Disability, Dental, and Long Term Care), **Retirement Products** (Church Retirement Plan, Traditional and Roth IRAs, Personal Investments, etc.), **Compensation Planning for Church Employees, Tax Issues**, etc. In addition, we work closely with GuideStone Financial Resources in Dallas to provide financial assistance to those elderly ministers and widows of ministers who live under financial duress and need ongoing and/or one time assistance through the **Mission: Dignity Ministry** which is the new term for the very successful Adopt an Annuitant Ministry.

To personalize the importance of our work, please consider the following vignettes. First, consider Pastor A, who had emergency heart bypass surgery this year with no medical insurance. The overwhelming cost of this surgery has placed a tremendous financial burden on him and his family. Furthermore, this pastor was not an active participant in the church retirement plan until recently. With the state convention protection benefits that come with monthly contributions to the retirement plan this pastor, as a retirement participant, now has a survivor and disability benefit in place for himself and his family in case of a debilitating illness, accident or death. Since no underwriting is required to prove evidence of good health, this pastor, his family, and the church he is serving is now protected from another catastrophic event resulting in disability and/or death. In 2007 working with GuideStone we paid the following disability and survivor protection benefits to North Carolina church employees and/or their families: 111 Disability Benefits Totaling $606,708.68 and 39 Survivor Benefits Totaling $391,254.53. This is a powerful example of **CARING** by our state convention by providing these much needed financial resources for those in need.

Secondly, please note that all church planters who receive financial

assistance from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are now required to be an active participant in the Church Retirement Plan. With this change in policy we have the assurance of protection for all of our church planters, their families, and the churches they are starting in case something happens to them. By **DARING** to move in this direction our state convention has provided a safety net for those who have stepped out in faith to begin much needed new churches in our state.

Thirdly, consider Pastor C, who has now retired because of poor health. During this past year we qualified him to begin receiving monthly financial assistance from GuideStone through the Mission: Dignity Ministry to supplement his paltry monthly income. In fact, his wife shared with me recently that they would be in deep financial trouble without that monthly financial assistance from GuideStone. As of June 30, 2008, we have 206 persons from North Carolina who are receiving financial assistance through Mission: Dignity. **SHARING** in this way fulfills the mandate of scripture to provide for those in need. Please assist us in identifying other persons who might qualify for this assistance.

Finally, we wish to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information and products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1-800-395-5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, visit our Web site at www.ncbaptist.org, call GuideStone at 1-800-984-8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnny Ross, GuideStone State Representative

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

The life Kasey lived was a sharp contrast from the life she was actually living at school where she was popular and a cheerleader. An abusive stepfather, a distant mother, and the responsibility of caring for her two

younger brothers were too much for the young teen. Kasey moved in with her grandmother believing it would help. Instead, as she grew older, she acted out and made dangerous choices that put her at risk.

Kasey's grandmother knew about Baptist Children's Homes and made a call. The teenager now lives at BCH's Oak Ranch near Broadway, becoming the first girl ever admitted into the residential facility that had before only served boys. Today, she is one of seven girls in care.

Kasey likes living at the 755-acre ranch. She loves taking care of the horses. She is taking responsibility for her actions. Kasey is involved in theater at the Harnett County school she attends. Recently, she played a fish in "Seussical the Musical," and she is a member of the school's photography club. Her favorite subject is English.

Kasey reads her Bible and says she prays a lot. "I am a Christian. I have given my heart to the Lord. I tell Him everything."

Kasey is only one of nearly 1,500 children who find hope and care each year at BCH. Each one has a story. Each one is given an opportunity in the name of Jesus. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for remembering "the least of these."

Baptist Children's Homes' president, Michael C. Blackwell observed his 25th year overseeing the statewide child care institution on July 1. Blackwell has led BCH to become family-focused and child-centered while never losing sight of the ministry's core Christian values. His accomplishments are too numerous to list here, but the reader is referred to the July 2008 Commemorative issue of *Charity & Children* for a complete summary. Complimentary copies are available by calling 1-800-476-3669, ext. 1211. Under Blackwell's leadership, BCH now operates facilities in 16 North Carolina cities.

Baptist Children's Homes introduced a new residential service to specifically aid older children as they prepare for life as independent adults. Transitional living provides care, counseling, and life-skills education to older children in a less restricted residential setting. The service was created in response to the growing need in North Carolina to help transition children from residential care to productive and self-

sufficient adult lives. In January, Noel Home in Lenoir became BCHs' first transitional living cottage followed by Huffman Cottage at Mills Home in Thomasville.

On May 18, 2008, more than 300 supporters and BCH staff members gathered for the dedication ceremony of two new Developmental disabilities Ministry (DDM) homes for developmentally disabled adults in Sanford. The Lanier Home and Mercer home will provide residence for six special needs adult women and men respectively.

The annual "Food Roundup" in April exceeded its goal, setting a new mark in the amounts of food, supplies, and gift cards given to BCH. North Carolina Baptists across the state, with the coordination of church leaders and association directors of missions, came together to deliver more than $300,000 in donated items. Another high was set in the month of May when almost 3,000 volunteers and guests visited BCH facilities for work days and special events.

Renovation of the Mills Home Baptist Church in Thomasville was completed with the help of North Carolina Baptist volunteers and a generous estate gift. Church groups renovated the fellowship hall installing new carpet, recess lighting, and expanding and refurbishing the kitchen. Upstairs rooms were painted and new carpet and lighting were added..

BCH has been re-accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Family and Children (COA). Accreditation through COA means BCH meets the highest national standard and is delivering the best in quality services. BCH received its first accreditation in 1987. The institution has been accredited ever since.

Three BCH centers received five star ratings, the highest possible rating, from the North Carolina Division of Child Development. The on-site daycare at Care House in Lenoir, a group home providing care and education for single teenage mothers and their babies, received its license in May 2007. The Fleshman-Pratt Education Center for infants to three year olds and Robert Idol Child Development Center for three to five year olds received five star ratings last summer. Both centers are a part of

BCH's Weekday education program in Thomasville.

A special open house on February 3, 2008 celebrated the opening of the Truett Baptist Association Children's Home in Hayesville. The home represents one of the most unique relationships in North Carolina Baptist life as BCH provides residential child care services at the facility and Truett Association provides funding and leases the property. Truett Association and BCH have partnered to provide help to children and families living in Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties.

On May 20, 2008, president Blackwell made the long-awaited announcement of the establishment of a wilderness camping program for girls. With a major lead gift from the Haskell and Gay Duncan Foundation, BCH has begun fund-raising efforts to build Phase One of the camp, which is located near Aberdeen in Moore County.

Cooperative Program

Have you ever thought about how North Carolina Baptists pay for their many ministries? We call it Cooperative Program. Here's how it works:

Every church sets its own budget, including what percentage of the budget should be allotted for missions. Most North Carolina Baptist churches set a percentage of their undesignated receipts for Cooperative Program. Then church treasurers send those funds to the Baptist State Convention office in Cary. There the convention's accountants disburse the funds across the state and beyond.

Who decides how the money is spent? Each November churches send messengers to the annual meeting of North Carolina Baptists. Those messengers decide on the next year's allocations. Four basic giving plans and other options give congregations choices in Cooperative Program.

As funds arrive at the convention office, accountants send the money for missions and ministry according to the agreed-upon budget.

Do you want to get the Gospel to a lost world? Want to start new churches? Want to help homeless children and senior adults? If your

church gives through the Cooperative Program, you're already doing all this and more!

This is the primary giving system for North Carolina Baptists that supports everything we want to accomplish in missions, benevolence and education. This is how we support a Bible institute, a major children's home, senior adult ministry, plus missions work across North America and around the world.

Cooperative Program also supports the convention's staff – your state missionaries – which helps hundreds of churches each year in programs ranging from evangelism and Sunday School to music and discipleship training, insurance and retirement programs for church staffs –and many other areas.

Cooperative Program also provides basic support for the Cary offices of North Carolina Baptist Men, so that operating funds they receive through the North Carolina Missions Offering can go even further!

In the Cooperative Program, NC Baptists have an easy yet cost-effective system that enables churches to support a vast array of missions and ministry with a single check. Imagine: If each of our 4,000+ churches had to send individual monthly checks to each of the 10,000+ missionaries and numerous institutions, agencies and ministries Baptists support in North Carolina and around the world – in well over 100 foreign currencies – it would require sending more than half a billion checks a month! The postage and banking fees alone would be staggering, even before the first ministry was performed.

Even a small congregation can be part of the biggest, most world impacting missions movement of our time. It is a good system that merits your church's support.

North Carolina Baptist Foundation

The mission of the North Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in

increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

Accomplishing this mission does indeed involve Caring, Sharing, and Daring. The Caring of the Foundation manifested itself in 2007 as individuals were assisted in establishing 35 endowment funds and 8 charitable trusts totaling $1.8 million and received $4.8 million in contributions to existing endowments, all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Approximately $445,000 from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received just over $7 million in contribution during 2007 for Christian causes.

And how is this for sharing – during 2007, our distributions totaled $13.9 million, with charity receiving $11.6 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.3 million. During the 86 year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $33.9 million has been distributed to individuals and $70.8 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $104.7 million.

The Daring is seen in our investing Kingdom money in such a way as to grow the assets while at the same time protecting the principal. To this end, the Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Citi

Institutional Consulting, A division of Citigroup Global Markets, to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2007, the Foundation held $156.9 million under management.

Respectfully submitted,
C.V. Bailes, Chairman, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive

State Missions

As your Executive Director-Treasurer, I am humbled each day as I recognize the enormous privilege with which I have been entrusted by North Carolina Baptists. Through your generous support of the Cooperative Program, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) has boldly shone forth the light of Christ to this state, nation and world for over 175 years.

But while the Cooperative Program is the engine that drives so many of the ministries of the BSCNC, there are other vital ministries that depend upon your faithful gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO). North Carolina Baptist Men rely on your support through the NCMO to fund over a dozen ministries and projects throughout this state and beyond. From disaster relief and recovery to prison ministries and Baptist Builders, the work of Baptist Men is making an eternal impact every day around this world. Your offering will allow Baptist Men to continue to expand ministries and respond in new ways as needs arise.

Let's face it: North Carolina is exploding with growth. Opportunities are now before us that the founders of this Convention of churches could not have dreamed. North Carolina is known as a hum of technology, banking, higher education and commerce. We have record numbers of immigrants from other countries coming to our borders and we, as the church of Jesus Christ, are faced with great challenges to engage them with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. To reach the

fastest growing segments of our population across North Carolina new churches are needed. Your church's support of the NCMO also provides much needed resources for the Church Planting ministries of the BSCNC.

The ministries of Baptist Men, the planting of churches throughout our state, many local missions opportunities through 80 associations –all made possible by your gifts to the North Carolina Missions Offering! And the ministry continues to grow! This year you will notice a new addition to the NCMO: Mission Work Camps. The BSCNC and Baptist Men are working together to provide North Carolina Baptists opportunities for hands on missions and ministry endeavors through our newest Mission Work Camp in Red Springs, N.C. The NCMO provides support for missions projects in some of this state's poorest communities. As a result, help is being provided, hope is being embraced and lives are being transformed through the power of the Holy Spirit as we serve in Jesus' name.

We who have tasted that the Lord is good have one holy passion -- to invest our lives in things eternal. We pray that our lives will have an eternal impact, and we labor according to his glorious might which works within us to accomplish to the best of our ability all that is set before us as stewards of the resources God places in our hands. I am respectfully asking that you help plan a method to endorse, promote and pray for this special offering for state mission projects in North Carolina. God will bless the cooperative efforts of North Carolina Baptists. We need your support and participation. You can be proud of how these funds will be used.

May God richly bless you as you walk worthy of the calling you have received.

In His Service,
Milton A. Hollifield, Jr.

North American Mission Board

The North American Mission Board assists Southern Baptists in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission in the United States, Canada and their territories through a relevant national strategy for sharing Christ, starting churches and sending missionaries, in cooperation with Acts 1:8 Partners.

NAMB saw God at work in many ways in 2007 and welcomed new and exciting changes in partnership with our Southern Baptist state conventions, associations, and churches, as we continued to focus on our three primary tasks of sharing Christ, starting churches, and sending missionaries.

Sharing Christ:

• A total of 278 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through NAMB. The total chaplain count is 2,778. NAMB-endorsed chaplains presented the gospel 61,057 times, resulting in 9,954 professions of faith and 2,352 baptisms. SBC chaplains serve in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare facilities.

• The Evangelism Response Center has 3,900 volunteers who serve as Telephone Encouragers. In 2007, the Center received more than 34,000 calls. Telephone Encouragers directly engaged with 12,008 callers. A total of 7,264 people made decisions related to their walk with Christ, including 1,731 callers who prayed to receive Christ. On average, 20 percent of calls to the Evangelism Response Center make a decision related to their relationship with Christ.

• NAMB is continuing its involvement in the long-term rebuilding of New Orleans by bringing national coordination to the ongoing effort by Southern Baptist volunteers through Operation NOAH Rebuild. Last year 11,611 Southern Baptists served in the re-building efforts. But beyond meeting physical needs, Southern Baptists are meeting spiritual needs. Operation NOAH volunteers shared the gospel 495 times resulting in 132 professions of faith. In addition, NAMB is working with

its partners in the Gulf Coast region to strengthen churches and start new churches to address the area's urgent spiritual needs.

• Domestic Hunger Funds (funds benefitting the hungry in North America), totaling more than $1.2 million, were distributed by NAMB to state Southern Baptist Convention partners. In 2007, Southern Baptist hunger ministries fed more than 3.5 million meals to the hungry in North America. More than 2,000 hunger ministries reported more than 35,000 professions of faith. There were more than 67,000 volunteers working in hunger ministries, and 7,200 new volunteers were trained in evangelism. Last year, missionaries and volunteers shared the gospel with more than 580,000 people because of the opportunities provided through hunger ministries.

Starting Churches

• Southern Baptists established more than 1,455 new congregations in 2007. Of these, 55.2 percent are ethnic and African American congregations.

• Through seven Nehemiah Project church planting centers on Southern Baptist seminary campuses, 741 students were trained and placed as long term church planters. More than 1,115 people have served as short-term interns preparing for church planting roles.

• Canadian leadership has set a prayer goal of establishing 1,000 healthy reproducing churches by 2020. The National Church Starting Team has asked churches to partner with them to explore and pray in 2,000 communities in 2008 as part of "Encounter Canada 2008." Their goal is to explore and pray in every community across Canada by December of 2010.

Sending Missionaries:

•NAMB's missionary count was 5,271 on December 31, 2007. Of this number, 3,235 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 2,036 are long-term missionaries.

• 1,178 high school and college students answered God's call to summer, sojourner, or semester missions. Semester mission aries made 13,467

gospel presentations resulting in 1,054 professions of faith and 497 rededications.

• An estimated 125,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects through NAMB during the year.

•In 2007, 17,989 trained Southern Baptist Disaster Relief from 42 state conventions prepared 1,039,989 meals, repaired 1,238 homes/buildings, completed 1,357 mud-outs of flood debris, removed storm debris from 8,565 yards, purified 206,511 gallons of water, cared for 823 children, provided 64,587 showers, and washed and dried 4,547 loads of laundry.

◦ More than 9,493 new Disaster Relief volunteers were trained in 2007 to 70,410 the number of trained volunteers listed on state rosters.

◦ 157 new mobile units were added to the DR fleet in 2007.

◦ 6,257 gospel presentations with 508 professions of faith and 124 other decisions were reported.

◦ There are currently 2,377 trained DR chaplains on the state rosters. In 2007, are reported 9,186 chaplain interventions took place.

• World Changers summer mission opportunities saw more than 22,346 participants in 87 projects. Power-Plant a mission opportunity that mobilizes students in church planting and missions, saw 1,746 participants in 16 projects. Together participants in these ministries made 14,157 presentations of the gospel resulting in 1,209 recorded professions of faith.

The staff and more than 5,000 missionaries who serve through our North American Mission Board are grateful for Southern Baptists' prayers and support and are looking toward the future, confident in God's leadership and provision. We are especially thankful to all Southern Baptists who gave so generously in 2007 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. A total of $59.4 million – exceeding the goal by more than $2 million – was given to provide resources to share Christ, start churches, and send missionaries. In addition, we are thankful for the continual financial support that churches give through the Cooperative Program. Our prayer is that God will find us good stewards of those funds and the work He has called us to do.

Prison Ministry

I have been involved with the Prison Ministry since March 1, 2006. For the past year (August 2007 - July 2008) we have seen 25 souls saved and 138 rededications. We were honored to baptize 31 men last year.

Another one of the ministries that I facilitate here at Mountain View is called the "Love Ministry." This ministry was developed for the men that are considered indigent or have no money coming in from the outside. Men that have jobs or receive money from their family are able to purchase certain food items from the canteen and donate these items to the Chaplain's office where we then bag up those items and give to the men that are in need. Last year, this ministry was able to touch 282 men who were in need.

In August 2007, the Gulf Coast Prison Ministry Team conducted three-day revival services. There were 256 men in attendance.

In September 2007, I assisted in facilitating the first Native American Green Corn Ceremony. There were 14 Native American men in attendance.

In October 2007, the "Mountain Movers" Choir & Quartet, along with the Redeemed Drama Team and Team of Servant Leaders class were given a special Ministry Team Celebration. Food was provided by outside volunteers and special music was provided by members of the groups. There were 47 men in attendance.

In December 2007, 17 local churches (13 Baptist churches) came into the facility and held special services and brought Christmas dinners for 905 men. During the services volunteers sang Christmas carols and gave testimonials. Also during the month, the Mountain Movers' Choir and Redeemed Drama Team presented a special Christmas Cantata/Drama entitled, *"The Birth of Jesus."* There were 107 men in attendance. Also in December, "One-man Quartet" Terry G. Hall came to Mountain View to hold a special concert for the men. There were 48 men in attendance. Also, the Redeemed Drama Team performed their Christmas drama

"Prison Scrooge" for the men. There were 146 men in attendance.

In January 2008, the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Team conducted three-day revival services. There 226 men in attendance and 21 men were either saved or rededicated their lives to Christ.

In May 2008, Truth in Love Ministries with Donnie Burns conducted three days of special worship services. There were 225 men in attendance and several men rededicated their lives to Christ. Also in May, "One-man Quartet" Terry G. Hall once again came to Mountain View to conduct a special concert for the men. There were 77 men in attendance.

In July 2008, Reverend Dennis Morgan, Prison Missionary from Georgia, conducted a special two-day revival. There were 144 men in attendance.

Thank you for placing your confidence and continued support in me as your chaplain at Mountain View Correctional Institution. May God continue to bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
Chaplain Don Stafford

From an inmate....

My name is Anthony Willis and I am 29 years old. I am serving a life sentence at Mountain View Correctional Institution in Spruce Pine, NC. Here is a brief overview of my story: I was raised in Fayetteville, NC, by a single mother with 3 older brothers and 2 sisters. My father who lived in New York, died when I was 8 years old, while planning to move to North Carolina to be closer to us. I was even more devastated that we weren't notified of his death until weeks after his funeral because of the discord in our family.

Throughout high school, my mother worked longer hours to support us, leaving me home alone to care for my younger sister. I was that kid who desperately wanted to fit in with the crowd and to be accepted, but remained an outcast no matter how hard I tried. My lack of self-confidence and self-esteem attributed to my lack of friends. I felt as if I

was invisible and could walk through a crowded room and remain unnoticed.

Wanting to be popular and cool by having name-brand clothes, shoes, and jewelry, I began to steal to purchase them and soon joined several guys who accepted me into their life of crime. We began with clothes, then cars, breaking into homes, then robbery to obtain things to sell. This lasted for about a year until a life was taken.

At 16 years old, sitting in the county jail facing a life sentence, I had literally hit rock bottom and knew there had to be more to life than what I've endured. I contemplated suicide several times to just end the pain. I felt that all my efforts weren't good enough because I constantly failed. On an unexpected evening, 2 volunteers came in carrying Bibles wanting to speak to us but no one would. A few weeks later they returned and although no one else would go, I needed to talk to someone so I did. They told me about Jesus and how He died for my sins and rose again on the third day. I wasn't raised in church and had never heard the gospel message until that evening, but I believed him. Instantly I knew what he said was true and I knew I needed to be delivered, and I accepted Jesus into my life at age 17.

I was sentenced to life without parole and unfortunately my profession of faith proved to be just that, a verbal profession. I continued to habitually live in sin and my heart remained unchanged. Instead of just being angry at myself, family, and so called friends, I was now angry at God. I told God if He would get me out of my situation, then I would do anything He wanted me to, but God knew I wouldn't. Instead of leaving me in my misery, God surrounded me with 3 Christians who wouldn't let up. I yelled at them, cussed them out, and ignored them frequently, but they continuously prayed for me and were a friend to me. They were put there to illustrate God's unconditional love and to strengthen and encourage me in preparation for what God wanted me to do.

Now at age 29, I am living proof that God still changes lives. He has replaced my hate with love, bitterness and un-forgiveness with compassion, and my anger with peace. He has entrusted me with His

Word to share the gospel with many inmates and I have witnessed several receive salvation. I am currently the overseer of the Drama Team in which we portray real life struggles and declare that Jesus is the answer. My mission is merely to do for others what those 3 Christians did for me. To reach out in love, listen, encourage, and be a friend to those who are filled with anger, guilt, shame, unforgiveness, and feel unlovable, just as I was. I wouldn't be who I am without someone reaching out to me. God has instilled in me self-confidence, increased my self-esteem, and revealed to me my value and potential that I didn't know existed.

My change hasn't taken place over night. A major part is taking place through the 2 chaplains God has chosen to shepherd us and has used to impact my life in significant ways. Chaplain Miller and Chaplain Stafford are a vital part of the spiritual growth of myself and countless other inmates at this facility who are seeking to know God. Also those who desire to be godly fathers, husbands, and succeed upon their release. Without their prayers, love, and support, many of us would continue to live lives full of doubt, guilt and shame.

I do believe in miracles because I'm a miracle myself. Jesus changed me from the inside out. He receives all the glory. God bless you!

International Mission Board

The International Mission Board is an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Nation's largest evangelical denomination, claiming more than 40,000 churches with nearly 16 million members.

The mission of the International Mission Board is making Jesus Christ known among all peoples. Their vision is to lead Southern Baptists to be on mission with God to bring all the people of the world to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Almost 5,000 people groups – 1.6 billion people – still live with little or no access to the Gospel.

The basic strategy of the IMB is to send and support gifted, God-called

missionaries who, with mutual respect, accountability and cooperation, carry out the Great Commission in an incarnational witness. Their basic role is to lead and facilitate the international missionary involvement of Southern Baptists in partnership with overseas Baptists and other Christians who are fulfilling the Great Commission.

Vital Stats as reported for 2007:

- 5,359 missionaries
- 25,497 new churches
- 609,968 baptisms (in 2007)
- 9,858,018 church membership
- 567,413 new believers in discipleship

Status of World Evangelization:

- 11,573 people groups worldwide; 6.6 billion people
- 6,508 unreached people groups; 3.8 billion people
- 5,903 Last Frontier people groups; 1.6 billion people

How much does it cost to support a missionary?

- $41,258.77 a year
- $ 3,438.23 a month
- $ 793.44 a week
- $ 113.04 a day
- $ 4.71 an hour

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is coming up. This year's theme is, "Tell Me The Story of Jesus." This offering is collected for the purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work. Our goal for the 2008 offering, which will be collected until next May, is $170 million. What would Lottie think? Would she, citing the 1.6 billion who live precariously in unreached areas, challenge us once again: "How many million more souls are to pass into eternity without having heard the name of Jesus?"

IMB encourages Southern Baptists to give through their local churches

to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The 2008 focus will be on South America. For more information and materials go to imb.org/offering.

Biblical Recorder

If it is not apparent to you yet, it soon will be: change is not linear, but exponential. Change comes at you not in a straight line, but in a blistering curve upward and accelerating. Changes you anticipated in five years jump on you overnight. Knowledge is your only preparation to engage change without getting bowled over and the *Biblical Recorder* arms you with the knowledge you need to know.

The theme "Know Now" is behind our July update of the www.biblicalrecorder.org website. You will find in the *Recorder* rich resources in news, features, inspiration, Sunday school lessons, interpretive insights about issues, ideas about what others are doing and where to find ideas for your own, all the things you need to handle accelerating change in your church and spiritual life.

The *Biblical Recorder* is not the final word in the undulating mix of ideas among North Carolina Baptists. Instead, the *Recorder* is a forum in which to share and learn what others are doing in missions, church, evangelism, physical and spiritual health, personal finances, ministry and theological topics. You will be able to contact the staff writer of any story and make comments simply by clicking on the appropriate boxes.

The archives from 11 years of online news have been transferred to this site and are searchable by key words. So the *Recorder* is by far your best tool to find information about NC Baptist life.

The print version of the *Biblical Recorder* carries the most current and vital versions of the daily updates with colorful photos and staff change information. There will always be something in the print version that is not online and an individual subscription is just $15 annually. Churches

may subscribe in various group plans to save even more money.

The *Recorder* is a great place to advertise your church staff searches, and to peruse while you look for the right person to join your own staff.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, then in 1939 became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the BSC, and serves the full spectrum of its churches.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program Missions Giving contributions from churches, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at subscription rates below the *actual cost of production*. You can receive a free three-month subscription for yourself and your friends. Contact:
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Respectfully submitted,
John Pond, Board Chair
Norman Jameson, Editor

Director of Missions

What is a "Baptist Association?" Down through the years I have heard it defined in many different ways. Some have been complimentary and some have not. Obviously, we are here to minister. Our intention is not *to take the place of the local church but to compliment it*. We do this through a number of different ministries that we offer all of which are geared, either directly or indirectly, to reaching people with a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The ministries that this association provide, through your contributions, are many and varied. The prison ministry of Avery Baptist Association is progressing nicely under the able leadership of Rev. Don Stafford

(Mountain View) and Rev. Jacob Willis (Avery/Mitchell). Souls are continuing to be saved and God honored through these "church supported" chaplains. We are also continuing to minister to the Hispanic citizens in our association. This is done by way of our support as they constructed a beautiful sanctuary to meet the needs of a growing Hispanic population. Our ministry to combat veterans continues to exceed all expectations. Many lives have been changed and hearts touched through this ministry.

As you probable know by now, I have submitted my resignation as Director of Avery Baptist Association effective December 31st. My wife and I have prayed long and hard over this decision and we both feel that it is the right thing to do. It is impossible for me to continue at the same pace that I used to. You deserve someone who can lead you to the next level. I have had the privilege of leading you this far. I know that God already has that person ready to lead you the rest of the way. I only ask that you accept him as graciously as you accepted me.

We will not be idle. As many of you know, the Lord has led us to begin a ministry to combat veterans. I never had any idea that the need was so great. God is blessing in such a marvelous way with souls being saved and lives changed that we feel that we should expand the ministry.

I can never tell you how wonderful the last fifteen years have been. I love all of you and trust that in some small way, you life has been blessed through this ministry. Pray for us as we seek to follow the will of God and take this giant leap of faith. God is able and has proven Himself many times and we know, this time is no different. We rest in His will. What a wonderful place to be!

I Love You All!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Daniel Whetstine

Veterans Outreach Ministry

This past year we have seen our Lord's hand at work in a mighty way. Many souls have been won to Christ and many new doors of opportunity have been opened to me to take the message of salvation to lost veterans wherever they may be. Please continue to pray that God will direct me in everything that I do.

I shared with you about our plans to print my testimony and distribute it to veterans. I am pleased to announce that we have been able to do just that. We had 1,000 copies printed and have already begun to distribute them. It contains the plan of salvation as plainly as I could make it. We have sent a number of copies to military personnel in various duty stations. We distribute copies at the V.A. Hospital in Asheville on a regular basis and also send copies to prison chaplains to be given to inmates.

I now have a DVD of the Veterans' Tribute, along with my testimony, to be shared with prison and military chaplains as well as pastors. It is very well done and has been edited in a professional manner. I would like to thank New Horizon Baptist Church in Marion, NC for their contribution to this ministry through the production of this video.

We are in the process of making plans and scheduling events for the coming months. As most of you know, I will be leaving my position as Director of Avery Association in December. Our goal is to be able to visit a different V.A. hospital, prison, or homeless shelter each week. Please pray that we can achieve this goal and see many more souls come to Christ. We hope also this year to file for Incorporation and our 501(c)3 tax exemption.

Our Advisory Committee for this ministry is almost ready. We have some wonderful men that have agreed to serve. Each of them have given of their time in service to their country. Pray for them as we work together for the harvest. "To God Be The Glory."

Rev. Daniel Whetstine

Christian Action League of NC

The Christian Action League of North Carolina is a Christian public policy organization that addresses public policy and legislative issues from a Christian world-view. The Christian Action League has a full-time presence in the General Assembly of North Carolina and has garnered considerable respect from both the Republican and Democratic parties. Their purpose is to assist the church in fulfilling Christ's command to be the "salt" and the "light" of the earth.

CAL continues to provide critical information regarding social and moral issues via its interactive website www.christianactionleague.org. The website seeks to keep the church abreast of the latest developments in the culture war – both from a national and statewide perspective.

Rev. Mark Creech, Executive Director of the CAL, has advanced Christian principles throughout North Carolina and the nation in numerous speaking engagements that included denominational meetings, church worship services, political rallies, revival meetings, legislative chapel services, press conferences, media interviews, conventions and seminars.

Later this month, Rev. Greg Barefoot will step into a growing role at CAL. He is already on the Board of Directors. He will be speaking at churches, associational meetings and other gatherings to give Christians across the state a clear picture of the League's goals and a glimpse of some of the legislative battles being waged by the states' largest Christian public policy organization.

The Christian Action League is proud of its relationship with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Currently, they receive $10,000 annually from the Convention. Eighty-five percent of the CAL's support comes from the Southern Baptist Churches in North Carolina that give through their annual budgets. The remaining fifteen percent comes from individuals, churches, and various denominations.

Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute

The ministry of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute is a caring, sharing, and daring ministry. The mission of Fruitland reflects this sharing, caring and daring attitude. The 2006-2008 Fruitland catalogue states the mission of the school:

1. "Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute is dedicated to serving the needs of students without regard to previous academic preparation. The goal is to provide education at an 'entry level' and move the student forward spiritually, intellectually and practically."

This daring mission allows FBBI to minister to students, who are from diverse backgrounds and "without regard to previous academic preparation." Some students, who attend Fruitland, are, for various reasons, unable to attend college. These students do not have academic background sufficient to matriculate in a college or university. Fruitland prepares students such as these to complete their degrees successfully at colleges and universities around the state and around the country. This daring ministry makes Fruitland a unique institution. Each student receives a strong foundation in Biblical, theological, and ministerial studies as well as the basics in English and Reading comprehension.

Other students who attend Fruitland were successful in their respective professional and/or secular careers. Some have even successfully completed college. They are called to the ministry later in life. The daring mission of Fruitland makes it possible to minister to these students as well.

After graduating from Fruitland, many students attend a college or university. Others become pastors immediately. Fruitland students are pastors in hundreds of churches around the state of North Carolina and the United States. They have long and successful lifetime ministries in rural churches as well as metropolitan areas.

Thanks to the visionary leadership of the Baptist State Convention and the co-operative giving of North Carolina Baptists, Fruitland is able to

accomplish her unique and daring mission year by year. An examination of several events and accomplishments over the last year will reveal the work of God on the campus of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

Alumni Day was a blessing to our students and alumni. Mac Brunson, Don Wilton, and Stan Welch delivered powerful messages from the Word of God on this special day.

One of the greatest highlights of this year was the completion of the new chapel. The seating capacity was doubled and a state of the art sound system was installed. The raised ceiling and the beams in the chapel give it a unique appearance. The chapel was dedicated to the preaching of the Gospel on November 29, 2007. The chapel was dedicated in honor of Kenneth W. Ridings for his commitment to expositional preaching. His influence is a tremendous blessing to the Baptist of North Carolina. Our first graduation in the new chapel was in December 2007. For many years, Fruitland was unable to hold graduation on the campus because the seating capacity in the chapel was limited. This was the first graduation on the campus of Fruitland in many years.

Ann Ridings, the wife of the president, organizes several retreats a year for the Fruitland students and their wives. The marriage retreat was a remarkable success and a great spiritual experience. The wives retreat each fall is also a blessing for the wives of the students. These two retreats are an important part of the ministry of Fruitland.

Fifty-two students graduated from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute during this academic year. Eleven Hispanic students graduated from the Hispanic Program with the "Diploma of Christian Ministry." Fruitland's night classes consistently enroll around forty students each quarter. The curriculum involves classes in the areas of Biblical Studies, Doctrinal and Historical Studies, Christian Missions, English, Pastoral Theology, and Christian ministries.

Twenty-one out of the fifty-two who graduated in 2007-2008 continued their education. Approximately thirty-one out of the fifty-two graduates are involved in full-time ministry in some capacity in a local church.

The teachers at FBBI are an important part of the unique ministry of

the school. They have a Masters Degree and are involved in full-time ministry in the local church. They sacrifice one day every week to teach. This means every student is taught by a teacher who fully understands how to communicate the truths of the Word of God in a practical ministry situation.

Several changes occurred over the last year among the academic family at Fruitland. Dr. Joe Hester, teacher of New Testament 401-402, passed away in the winter of 2008. Dr. Hester was a great Southern Baptist leader in missions and evangelism. He had a Godly influence on hundreds of students over the years. Ernest Poston, the 301-302 English teacher at Fruitland, retired in the spring of 2008. His humility and love of the Gospel was a great example to students and brought a pastor's touch to the English department. Brian Henderson, was hired to fill the position in New Testament. He is pastor at Etowah Baptist Church in Etowah, NC. Lance Scarlett, another alumnus of Fruitland, replaced the retiring Ernest Poston in the 301-302 English class. Lance is pastor at Racepath Baptist Church in Rutherfordton, NC. J.D. Grant became the Vice President of Development this past year. Tom Hayes became the librarian in January, 2008. Scott Thompson was also added to the administrative staff of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute this past year.

The Hispanic program at Fruitland is another powerful demonstration of the caring, sharing, and daring ministry of the BSCNC. The daring mission of Fruitland makes her a perfect atmosphere for the educational needs of the Hispanic students. Robert Fernandez, a Fruitland alumnus, is the teacher for the Hispanic program.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina held a training seminar in evangelism on the campus of Fruitland this past year. Don McCutcheon, the executive leader of the Mission Growth team for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, did a spectacular job of organizing the sessions and teaching the classes.

The Carolina Baptist Prayer Evangelism Conference was held on the campus of Fruitland in April of this year. The conference was

a great blessing and many were encouraged and convicted through the wonderful message on prayer by Stan Welch, Chris Schofield, Don Wilton, Milton Hollifield, and Greg Mathis

Because of Fruitland's excellent reputation in churches around the state of North Carolina and beyond, a large number of churches contact Fruitland seeking a pastor. An average of 15 to 20 churches contact Fruitland every month. The administration works hard to keep a consistent correspondence with these churches. As they go through the process of seeking a Godly leader for their flock, hundreds of churches around North Carolina and the United States are led by pastors from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

The students of Fruitland give testimony to the importance of the ministry of this school. Many of the alumni, who continue their education after Fruitland, testify by saying, "If I was told I had to give up all of my degrees except one, I would give them all away and keep the Fruitland degree." The words of these students are a profound witness to the caring, sharing, and daring ministry of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

Respectfully submitted,
J.D. Grant
Vice-President of Development

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
Oct. 1, 2007 - Sept. 30, 2008

RECEIPTS FROM:

Churches	$35,244.48
Baptist State Convention	$8,275.57
Other (Min.Bks. Transfer of Funds, etc.)	$ 290.82
Total Receipts	$43,810.87

DISBURSEMENTS:

Total Disbursements (Oct. 1, 2007 - Sept. 30, 2008)	$40,428.79
Cash on Deposit, Sept. 30, 2007	$1,139.06
Add Total Receipts for Fiscal Year	$43,810.87
Total	$44,949.93
Less Total Disbursements	$40,428.79
Cash on Deposit - Sept. 30,2008	
General Account	$4,521.14
Reserve Account	$4,461.38
Total On Hand	$8,982.52

AVERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED BUDGET – 2008 - 2009

100 KEY LEADERSHIP	Budgeted	Proposed
101 Sunday School	100.00	100.00
102 Baptist Men	50.00	50.00
103 Evangelism	500.00	500.00
104 WMU	450.00	450.00
105 VBS	100.00	100.00
106 Youth Ministry	600.00	600.00
107 Speakers Honorarium	250.00	250.00
	2,050.00	2,050.00
200 DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS		
201 Salary	10,400.00	10,400.00
202 Social Security	1,439.00	1,439.00
203 Utilities & Housing	5,600.00	5,600.00
	17,039.00	17,039.00
300 OPERATING EXPENSES		
301 DOM Expense Reimbursement	1,700.00	1,700.00
302 Office Telephone	800.00	800.00
303 Office Supplies	1,200.00	1,000.00
304 Office Equipment	600.00	600.00
305 Office Utilities	1,300.00	1,400.00
306 Newsletter Postage	1,000.00	1,000.00
307 Secretary	4,000.00	4,000.00
	10,600.00	10,500.00
400 MISSION MINISTRIES		
401 Prison Chaplaincy	2,000.00	2,000.00
402 Veterans Ministry	1,200.00	2,000.00
403 Misc. Mission Fund	800.00	800.00
	4,000.00	4,800.00

500 MISC. EXPENSES	Budgeted	Proposed
501 Insurance (Equip. & Building)	1,000.00	1,000.00
502 Health Insurance	8,000.00	8,000.00
503 Building Maintenance	600.00	600.00
504 Misc. Expense	200.00	200.00
505 Convention Expense	600.00	600.00
506 Christmas Gift	400.00	400.00
507 Treasurer	300.00	300.00
508 Clerk	300.00	300.00
509 Quarterly Tax Reports	500.00	500.00
510 Christmas Gift. Secretary	250.00	250.00
511 Pastor&Wives Christmas Dinner	500.00	500.00
	12,650.00	12,650.00
TOTALS:	46,439.00	47,039.00

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES

CHURCH	CONTRIBUTIONS
	(Oct. 1, 2007 - Sept. 30, 2008)
Aaron	2,200.00
Beech Mountain	1,515.00
Big Meadows	240.00
Chestnut Dale	500.00
Cranberry	2,063.00
Crossnore First	7,145.49
Elk Park First	0.00
Fall Creek	4,851.58
Green Valley	225.00
Jonas Ridge	411.79
Minneapolis	945.00
New Life	689.00
Oak Grove	100.00
Pilgrim	0.00
Pineola	1,100.00
Pleasant Hill	5,181.52
Pleasant Valley	493.00
Powdermill	1,200.00
Stameytown	1,392.00
Sugar Mountain	1,340.10
Valley Haven	2,152.00
Whites Memorial	300.00
Yellow Mountain	1,200.00
NC Convention	8,275.57
Other (Misc)	290.82
Total:	**$43,810.87**

MESSENGERS TO THE ASSOCIATION
2007 - 2008

AARON -

BEECH MOUNTAIN - Rev. Dennis Church, Junella Church, Eddie Storey

BIG MEADOWS -

CHESTNUT DALE - Rev. Andy Willis, Conley Huffman

CRANBERRY - Grace Calhoun, Jake Potter, Kirk Potter, David Thomas

CROSSNORE FIRST - Rev. Lander Heafner, Phyllis Heafner

ELK PARK FIRST -

FALL CREEK - Cecil Crawford, Robert Reece, Charles Ward

GREEN VALLEY - Rufus Biddix

JONAS RIDGE -

MINNEAPOLIS-

NEW LIFE -

OAK GROVE -

PILGRIM -

PINEOLA - Rev. Larry Belas, B. W. McNeely, Teena McNeely, Dorothy Andrews

PLEASANT HILL - Rev. Rodney Millsaps, Andy Taylor, Brenda Taylor, Randall Fletcher, Ruth Brown

PLEASANT VALLEY -

POWDERMILL -

STAMEYTOWN -

SUGAR MOUNTAIN - Rev. David Burnop, David Banner, Louise Banner, Ross Church, Dot Hartley

VALLEY HAVEN - Rev. Henry Strayhan, Loretta Strahan, Joe Perry, Clara Perry, Mr. And Mrs. W.R. McCurdy

WHITES MEMORIAL - Polly Dellenger, Ivor Dellinger,

YELLOW MOUNTAIN -

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2005 - 2006

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS
2008 - 2009

Moderator.....Jacob Willis
Vice - Moderator.....Larry Belas
Treasurer.....Jennifer Willis
Assistant Treasurer.....Beth Crawford
Clerk.....Carolyn Church
AssistantClerk.....
Sunday School Director.....Susie Smith
W M U Director.....Tiffany Liner
Baptist Men Director.....Rev. Dennis Aldridge
Evangelism Director.....Rev. Jacob Willis
Pianist.....Carolyn Church
Music Director.....Harry Platt

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Jacob Willis, Chair
Dennis Church
Bryan Griffith

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Larry Belas
Alvin Carpenter

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer, Jennifer Willis
Andy Willis
Renee Gouge
Barry Crawford
Andy Taylor
Bob Tatum

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Carolyn Church
Bonita Taylor

PROGRAM AND PLACE COMMITTEE

Vice-Mod., Jacob Willis
Dennis Church

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Harry Platt
Bob Daniels Jr
Cecil Crawford

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Director of Missions
Moderator
Dennis Aldridge
Rufus Biddix
Lynda Carpenter

TRUSTEES

Joe B. Perry
David Banner
Simon Franklin

Statistical Information

MEMBER INFORMATION

Items Reported:

1-Total Membership
2-Resident Members
3-Total Baptisms
3a-(Birth-5)
3b-(6-8)
3c-(9-11)
3d-(12-17)
3e-(18-29)
3f-(30-59)
3g-(60+Up)
4-Other Additions
5-New Member Training

Congregation	1	2	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g	4	5
Aaron	110	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Beech Mt.	91	91	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	54	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Cranberry	89	79	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Crossnore	562	513	6	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	9	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	163	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	46	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Jonas Ridge	212	126	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	9	0

Minneapolis	162	134	11	0	1	0	2	1	6	1	11	22
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	309	305	15	0	6	7	2	0	0	0	7	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	74	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	290	254	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
PleasantVal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	53	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Valley Haven	26	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	135	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc Totals	2376	1913	44	0	9	11	0	1	8	1	60	22

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:
6-Year Organized 7-Year Pastor Came 8-AM Wor Ser Att 9-C-Type Miss. Started 10-C-Type Miss. Oper.
11-Lost/Unchurched 12-Ass. Miss. On "a Basis 13-Interc. Prayer

Congregation	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Aaron	1849	2001	79	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Beech Mt	1869	1996	28	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	85	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Chestnut Dale	1903	2005	79	0	0	N	N	N
Cranberry	1907	2007	52	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	1907	1983	300	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	1886	2003	45	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Green Valley	1887	2007	34	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	1887	2003	88	0	0	Y	Y	Y

Minneapolis	1887	1996	102	0	0	Y	N	Y
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	1900	1999	125	0	0	Y	N	Y
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	1913	2005	45	0	0	Y	Y	Y
Pleasant Hill	1903	2000	135	0	0	N	Y	N
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	1950	2007	40	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	1948	1994	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	1949	0	55	0	0	N	N	N
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals			1,342					

BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

14-Total S.S. Enrol 14a-(Birth-5) 14b-(6-11) 14c-(12-17) 14d-(18-24) 14e-(25-34) 14f-(35-54) 14g-(55-64) 14h-(65-up) 14i-Gen. Officers 14j-Other Bible Study 15-Avg Wkly SS Att 16-SS Not Member 17-VBS

Congregation	14	14a	14b	14c	14d	14e	14f	14g	14h	14i	14j	15	16	17	
Aaron	89	5	2	2	4	8	18	25	23	2	24	48	7	0	
Beech Mt.	69	4	4	5	8	6	17	4	13	8	0	28	0	53	
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chestnut Dale	52	7	9	1	4	5	9	2	14	7	0	36	0	35	
Cranberry	50	7	4	4	4	4	10	9	6	2	30	38	5	70	
Crossnore	354	23	35	39	13	15	106	54	65	4	0	211	0	182	
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Fall Creek	69	3	4	5	2	3	16	18	18	8	36	43	3	27	
Green Valley	26	0	1	0	0	0	7	8	10	0	15	24	11	0	
Jonas Ridge	80	2	6	6	3	0	0	0	63	0	25	58	25	36	

Minneapolis	80	4	6	8	10	18	22	18	4	22	30	72	6	134
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	95	12	19	23	9	9	10	6	7	0	0	66	0	139
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	25
Pleasant Hill	155	17	31	13	10	15	16	20	39	3	4	117	0	145
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	45	2	1	6	2	4	8	0	14	10	0	25	0	45
Valley Haven	26	0	0	0	0	0	4	18	4	3	0	24	0	0
Whites Mem.	50	6	3	6	5	2	5	6	12	5	0	37	2	60
Yellow Mtn	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc.Totals:	1280	92	122	118	74	89	248	188	283	74	164	862	59	951

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING INFORMATION

Items Reported:

18-Total D.T 18b-(6-11) 18d-(18-Up)
18a-(Birth-5) 18c-(12-17)

Congregation	18	18a	18b	18c	18d						
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	69	4	30	20	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	22	2	1	5	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	21	2	10	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc Totals	112	8	41	31	38	0	0	0	0	0	0

MUSIC MINISTRY INFORMATION

Items Reported:

19-Total Music Enrollment 19b-(6-11) 19d-(18-Up)
19a-(3-5) 19c-(12-17) 19e-Other Music Groups

Congregation	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e
Aaron	22	0	0	0	22	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	6	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	30	4	5	6	15	0
Crossnore	128	10	18	35	45	20
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	28	3	2	8	15	0
Green Valley	14	0	0	0	14	5
Jonas Ridge	30	0	0	0	0	0

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	40	3	12	0	25	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	87	12	16	6	47	6
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem	18	2	2	6	8	8
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc. Totals	397	34	55	67	191	39

MISSIONS INVOLVEMENT / EDUCATION

Items Reported:

21-Tot. WMU Enroll 21b-(6-11) 21d-(18-Up) 21f-WMU Missions 22-Tot. Bro. Enroll 22a-(6-11)
21a-(Birth-5) 21c-(12-17) 21e-WMU Lead Team 22b-(12-17) 22c-(18-Up) 22d-Miss. Grps 23-Other

Congregation	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e	22	22a	22b	22c	22d	23
Aaron	25	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cranberry	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crossnore	83	8	0	0	60	5	40	0	0	40	0	0
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jonas Ridge	29	0	9	0	20	0	8	0	0	0	0	0

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pineola	15	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	31	5	5	4	10	7	21	15	4	2	0	0
PleasantVal.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley Haven	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow Mt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	198	13	14	4	130	16	69	15	4	42	0	0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Items Reported:

24a-Undes. Gifts 24c-Other Receipts 25b-Assoc. Miss 25d-Annie Armstrong 25f-Other SBC Missions Exp.
24b-Desig. Gifts 25a-Co-op Program 25c-State Miss 25e-Lottie Moon

Congregation	24a	24b	24c	25a	25b	25c	25d	25e	25f
Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beech Mt.	31,585	8,631	200	1,004	2,162	0	500	500	1,544
Big Meadows	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chestnut Dale	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	500	12,000
Cranberry	46,119	7,984	41	0	2,131	0	224	119	945
Crossnore	480,044	129,726	2416	90,300	6,743	0	4,800	7,823	9,450
Elk Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fall Creek	70,675	4,447	0	4,237	4,944	290	690	690	1,328
Green Valley	24,631	2,830	0	0	300	698	808	1,324	0
Jonas Ridge	29,421	0	0	995	403	0	300	300	0

Minneapolis	0	0	0	800	1440	744	1000	1500	0
New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oak Grove	177,682	12,766	9,392	6,000	100	0	3,000	1,629	0
Pineola	61,390	0	0	6,168	1,200	628	400	3,292	707
Pilgrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasant Hill	182,689	10,413	0	0	5,478	1,826	8,038	24,289	3,605
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powdermill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stameytown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugar Mtn	47,896	6,752	0	300	1,391	300	600	600	0
Valley Haven	1,400	700	0	2,100	0	1,912	0	0	0
Whites Mem.	37,790	17,580	0	415	300	0	0	600	600
Yellow Mtn.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assoc.Totals:	1,191,322	201,829	12,049	112,819	27,092	6,398	36,611	43,166	30,179